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Notes and Comments

TV on the Farms

Radio proved a great boon to people living on farms. One of the main causes of young people going to the cities was the dullness of farm life. But the radio enabled them to listen, or even dance to the music of the top orchestras on Broadway and listen to every kind of entertainment and to public events all over the world. No doubt that helped stem the migration from farms to cities.

Then came television. Perhaps that is a further means of stopping farm migration, but a survey in New York State shows a not-unexpected trend. Farmers have got themselves a TV set, and after a while they felt compelled to sell it because it seriously interfered with their work. They found themselves, and their families, staying up until the early hours of the morning, unable to tear themselves away from the screen, with the result that they left themselves only four hours' sleep or less before the alarm would wake them to go and do the early morning milking. They were also tired for the rest of the day. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

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The Product Pays The Wage

Two interesting developments have taken place in two labour unions in the United States.

The Brotherhood of Teamsters, with a membership of 1,300,000, has established a Distribution Foundation. It is designed to work out ways to get farm and factory produce to the consumer more efficiently, and consequently, at a smaller cost. This would permit lower prices, assure larger sales, and thereby support jobs.

In commenting upon this Distribution Foundation, President Beck of the Teamsters said that mutual effort by workers and employers to raise productivity are the key to continued progress in wages and living standards. And, as The New York Times points out, it is by the same token, true that "wage increases that outrun the nation's productivity make for economic ruin."

A similar attitude has been taken by the United Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers Union. It has agreed to forego a larger pension fund contribution which it had asked from the employers and to permit the million dollars involved to go into a fund to boost the sales of women's hats. This will be done through displays, advertising and other means of promotion. It is the union's conviction that the first step in security is to make sure that what the union produces sells readily.

These are instances of the growing awareness that the labor movement must itself accept some responsibility towards the end-result of its work — namely sales. Unless goods can be efficiently produced and marketed, all the demands for wages or other benefits will have no means from which they may be met. —Montreal Gazette.

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An Interesting Case

The disqualification of a medical officer of health as a deputy reeve has made municipal political history in the Lindsay district. It is probably the first time that a case of this kind has ever been before the courts and the fact that disqualification was first ruled at the county court level and upheld by the supreme court, makes it seem extremely likely that it has established a legal precedent. It is by no means the first time that a man has been disqualified from holding municipal office but it is probably the first time in recent municipal history that a man has been disqualified because he was serving on Council while a medical officer of health in the same municipality.

According to Mr. A. M. Fulton, Q.C., who pressed the case for disqualification on behalf of his client, the 1955 choice of the deputy-reeveship of Dysart Township lost his seat for two reasons: (a) he was an officer of the municipality and (b) he was an employee of the municipality in which his election took place. Mr. Fulton notes that the second point, and the point most strenuously contested, was proven to the satisfaction of the supreme court justice when it was pointed out that as a medical officer of health, the doctor had a "fee" relationship with the indigent patients of the municipality. Explaining this point, Mr. Fulton informed the press that the MOH of a municipality is assumed to be the physician of the municipality's indigent patients even though not specifically appointed by the municipality to attend them. In such cases, Mr. Fulton says, the law provides that the MOH shall be remunerated for attending. The municipality also has the right to specifically appoint the MOH to attend indigents at the same time being liable to pay fees accruing from such attendance. He relates, noting that in the case of the ex-Dysart deputy-reeve this placed him in the position of sitting on a council which would be setting his fees in cases of indigent attendance.

This point is believed by Mr. Fulton to have satisfied the supreme court justice beyond any doubt that the MOH of Dysart was an employee of the municipality and not an "appointee" as the defence argued.

Stamps Take Months Of Detail Work

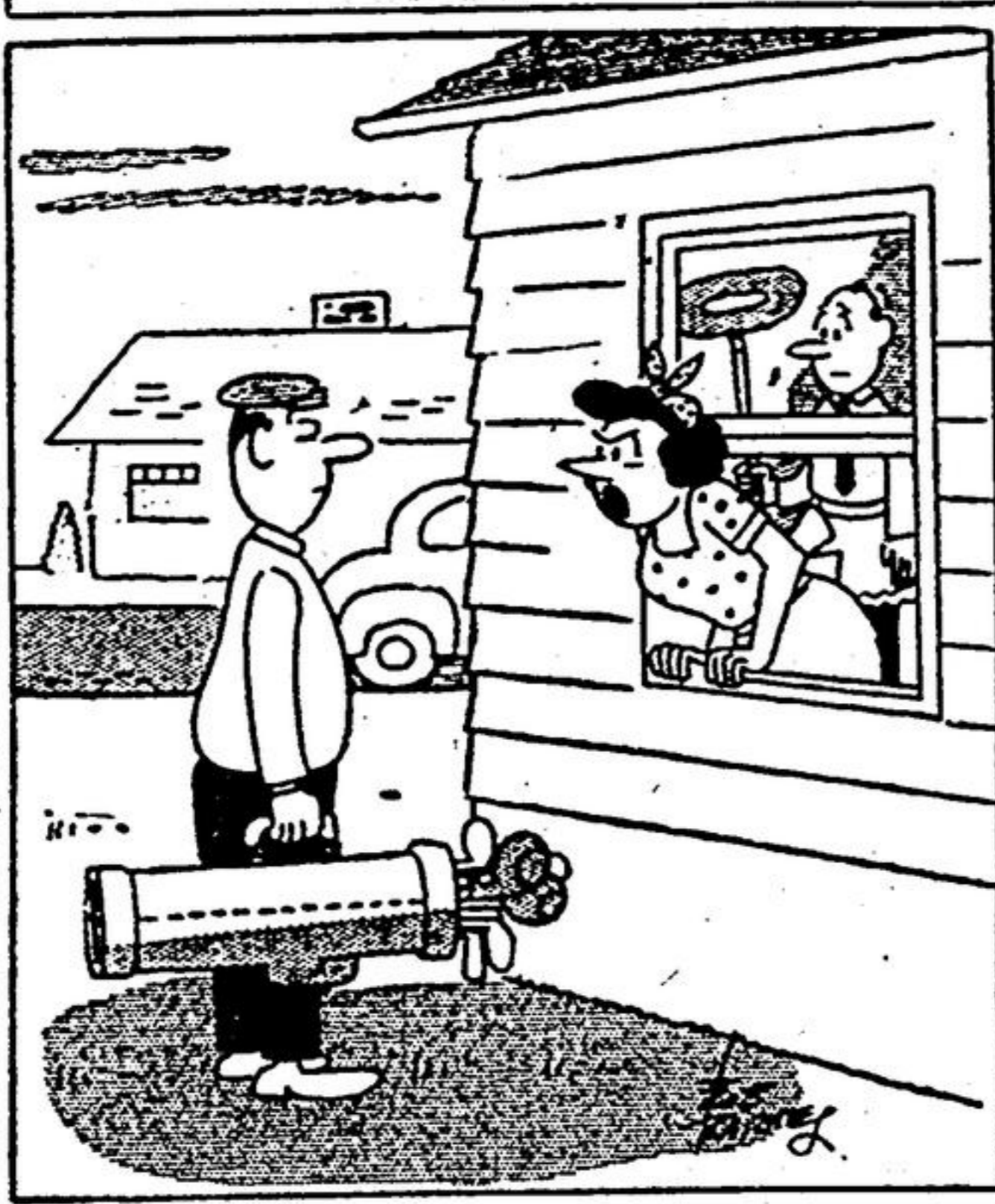
Behind every Canadian postage stamp lies a story of much planning and hard work.

All stamps begin as an idea which may concern a person such as the Queen, a great event or an industrial subject, such as a hydro-electric station. Until recently, Canadian stamps were reproduced mostly from photographs. Now, because the post office wants to encourage many Canadian artists, many are produced from sketches or drawings. Two types of stamps are issued — regular issues to carry the greater part of the postal load and commemorative ones to mark some event of historical interest.

On lower denominations, ordinary issues all bear portraits of the sovereign. On the higher, play is given subjects such as electric power, industrial development, Canada farm lands and military machines.

Portraits of the Queen appear on the set of stamps currently in use. A 4-cent stamp issued in 1953 commemorates her Coronation. Her portrait also is on all ordinary issues from one to six cents.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"No... Freddie cannot come out and play!"

FOR PARENTS ONLY

"TEMPER TANTRUMS"

By Nancy Cleaver

When a temper tantrum occurs, in spite of a parent's efforts to avoid one, what is the best thing to do? Johnny is having a marvellous time playing in the sand pile. Dad picks him up to take him in the house for supper. Johnny howls, yells and tries to kick his father. Or it may be Betty's mother has refused to buy her small daughter a chocolate bar when they are shopping to gether for groceries. Immediately Betty tries her favourite trick of "going limp", lies on the poor, screaming for her candy!

There is no one way to treat all temper tantrums any more than there is any one kind of a child. The method which is effective with Johnny might not work well with Betty. But it is important that parents try to understand the reason or reasons for this angry demonstration. They should also accept the fact that the great majority of tiny tots go through this resistance to authority and display of temper stage. This is a bit of a comfort to the fond parent who views with horror the "little monster" he has produced!

Sometimes a temper tantrum can be avoided at the last moment by diverting a child's attention. Perhaps Johnny's absorption in playing in the sand pile could be lessened by father telling him that mother has prepared one of his favourite dishes for supper. Betty's mother might let her wheel the grocery wagon to get her daughter's mind off the chocolate bar.

Shouting at or threatening a tempestuous child are both useless. There is no value in meeting anger with anger. If a parent starts to "explode" as well as the child, what is the youngster learning about self control? Difficult as it may be, mothers and fathers must try to be calm and casual about their child's behaviour. If he is putting on a temper tantrum to gain attention, often it is a good plan to isolate him in his room, or just walk away and leave him. A child doesn't get much "kick" out of showing anger if there is no audience! It is a misguided business trying to reason with an angry person of any age. Powerful rage blots out the desire to think. After the storm is over, mother or father may find it helpful to quietly comment on the situation. But they should not reproach their child or make him feel guilty about his violent feelings. Better get them out of his system and help him to learn how to handle his emotions. Too much repression, too great demands on a youngster, produce a sullen individual. A child should not get the idea that he can use a temper tantrum as a Big Stick to get his own way! Neither should he conclude that when he has been angry, his parents hate him for being naughty. The angry child is usually an anxious child. He needs to be reassured of his mother's and father's affection. More love, not less, is good medicine for the "tempery" boy or girl!

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graving on soft steel. Design details were settled in conferences of company officials with W. J. Turnbull, deputy post-master-general, L. J. Mills, director of financial services for the post office, and J. R. Carpenter, superintendent of the postage stamp division.

Engravers, working with infinite patience under magnifying instruments, cut the design in reverse on a stamp-size piece of blank steel. Every delicate line and groove which gave depth and form to the finished design was cut by hand.

Proofs of the stamp were taken from the master die and carefully checked. Some changes were ordered and the die altered. The color chosen was purple.

Then the master die was hardened and impressed at a pressure of 20 tons per square inch on a soft steel roll. The roll, known as the working die, in turn was hardened and used to transfer the design 400 times to a soft steel printing plate.

The plate then comprised 400 replicas of the master die, each correct in every microscopic detail. It also was hardened and placed on a rotary press.

Specially-manufactured paper was prepared so it would take an ink of fast color and great tenacity from the plate.

Perforating machines handled the next step. After inspection and cutting into sheets of 100 stamps, the new issue was shipped to post offices all over Canada for sale beginning the day before the Coronation.

That was almost 14 months after the planning of the new stamp began.

He who sitteth on top of the world has a cold perch.

Automobile engineers reveal that if a car with a white top and a car with a black top are parked side by side in the sun, the lighter topped car will remain 15 degrees cooler inside.

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Chester Wallace

Long Honeymoon

A MAGAZINE recently carried an amusing story of a couple who, on their wedding day, solemnly pledged themselves to a life-long practice of courtesy to each other, and lived up to it.

THE MAN, who wrote this little bit of autobiography said wherever they went, people thought they must be on their honeymoon. Even when they were in later middle life, hotel clerks, waiters, shopkeepers made it known they were sure that only a couple of newly-weds would be so nice to each other.

THERE ARE NEARLY 240,000 marriages in Canada every year, and according to latest statistics, about fourteen per cent are dissolved by divorce. So, for these people, the honeymoon is soon over.

WHEN A MAN ASKED that some flowers be sent to his wife, the florist said: "I didn't know your wife was ill."

THE SITUATION has greatly changed in many ways during the past fifty years. The number of women who go to business steadily increases, and this state of affairs seems likely to increase, and we must adapt ourselves to a new situation. We are not passing any opinions upon this, simply recognizing this new factor in modern life.

SIR JAMES BARRIE used to tell of a visit he paid to a home in the Scottish Highlands, where a man seriously said to him, "I am the only man in this district who insisted that my wife manage the financial affairs in our home. And, now, see what has happened — I am the only man that owns a two-storey house!"

IN SPITE OF some depressing facts most marriages are happy and adjustments to changing conditions are happily made. But no one will deny that courtesy and consideration are like oil in the machinery of household affairs. The wife of Thomas Carlyle complained that he very rarely ever paid compliments of any kind — when he wasn't grumbling she knew he was happy — that was the high water mark of his disposition.

IN CONTRAST to Carlyle we have Theodore Roosevelt, who refused to have flowers on the dining-room table because they prevented him from seeing his wife's face. An English magazine not long ago carried an article with the title: Marriage Made in Heaven, which made good reading because of the impressive list of notable people whose married lives had been extremely happy.

I THINK I MENTIONED in a previous article what Chauncey Depew said when someone asked him who he would like to be if he were not Chauncey Depew, and his prompt reply: "My wife's second husband!"

THERE IS NO ready-made answer to affective home atmosphere but this little story about the long honeymoon is worth remembering. A lady, one of a large family, told me recently that in her home the idea of conversation was an argument. Someone would make a statement and another would flatly contradict it, then a full debate was on.

I ONCE SAW an epitaph in a cemetery I have never forgotten. After stating a few facts it had this pithy line: "He was best at home." That is a magnificent tribute. It doesn't matter a great deal whether a man is a "big shot" at business, or club or even Church, the test is — how does he rate at home?

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Dr. Frank Crane: "The most important element in any home is God."

Greetings to The Stouffville Horticultural Society

"PANSIES" Pansies! Pansies! of every hue, Faces uplifted to the heavenly blue, Dressed so prettily in velvety gowns— You're the smartest stylists in town.

With those lovely pastel shades so bright, Your leafy green skirts fitting right, What a happy group of sisters new! Smiling the long sunny days through, Then drooping your drowsy heads at night. You look like a sleepy bunch, all right. After you are tucked in your beds, The fairies come to watch — instead, They sprinkle stardust on weary eyes. To give you all a lovely surprise.

You see, the fairies love you too. Is it any wonder that we do? Then as the moments and hours slip away, Fresh Pansies greet us every day. (By M. Pringle McGirr) Markham, Ont.

Hit Train, Head-On, Driver Not Hurt Bruce Fairman, 43, of Cannington, drove head-on into a moving freight train at Pefferlaw Friday night, bounced off, and stepped out of his truck unhurt.

P.C.s Brian Stephens and Charles Taylor of the Sutton-Georgina township police, who are investigating, said the flasher lights were working as the north-bound freight stopped, and was backing cars onto a siding. It was going about 10 mph, and it was estimated Fairman was going about 30 mph. Damage to the truck was about \$400.

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