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## OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Main Street Is Dab Sight at Christmas

The Santa Claus Parade is over, Christmas is only two weeks away, but Stouffville Main St. presents one of the drabbest yuletide sights in years. There has been some move by the Business Men's Association to install lights across Main St. but this scheme has apparently gone by the boards, helped along by delays of municipal authorities who were reluctant to assist. Excuses were put forward that the lights would have to be attached to the buildings and this was frowned on, although there are literally hundreds of strings of lights up and down Yonge St., all attached to buildings.

In past years there have been Christmas trees along the street with colored lights. These too have been shelved so that there is little at all to indicate Christmas to anyone passing along our business section.

To top it all, a change in our dreary street lighting has been promised for months and several sample lights were installed. However, the old lights have gone, the bulbs in the new lights are slowly going out and were it not for the lights in store windows, some sections in the heart of town would soon be in darkness.

### Politicians Mortgage Our Future

The cruellest illusion that is misleading the people of this generation is the belief that government can give them more than it takes from them.

The harshest reality that follows the awakening from this illusion is the realization that what the government decides to take from the people is a first charge against their earnings.

It is deducted at the source, before the earners can get their hands on it. It must be paid before food, clothing, shelter, or education, for taxes always come first.

The recklessness with which our politicians are mortgaging the future earnings of the people, and the apathy with which the people submit to this process, is enough to make us wonder if we are competent to govern ourselves, and if we even have the desire to do so.

Every man knows that, in his own business, he has to keep his expenditures within the limits of his income; and if he fails to do so, he himself will have to suffer the consequences. This is a stern discipline, but a natural one, and it makes responsible beings of us.

But governments are subject to no such discipline. If they overspend their budgets, they have it in their power to make the people pay the deficit. This upsets the people's own calculations and makes it difficult, if not impossible for them to balance their own budgets.

This immunity from the consequences of their own extravagance is responsible for the light-hearted recklessness with which our governments

This is a ridiculous state of affairs and certainly the 1959 council should not wait until their chairs are warm to stir some action in this connection.

Everyone understands that the one, and now two men, on the local hydro crew cannot cope with the present growth, and it would appear to be high time a half dozen men and equipment were brought in to get some of the work done that has been promised for months, particularly in the street-lighting department.

Getting back to the matter of the un-Christmas-like picture which Main St. presents — surely, gay coloured lights and other decorations do much to promote the festive appearance and possibly quicken the impulse for Christmas shopping. Neither can be considered undesirable. Decorate your town! Promotions have always paid off.

Certainly, it is too late now, but surely some effort will be made before another yuletide so that Stouffville, which at one time was commended for its gay cheery appearance at Christmas, will not go through this most important of all holiday seasons again without some decorative promotion.

The Government of Ontario, with the co-operation of the Dominion Government, has plunged this province into a Hospital Plan by making the people believe that the cost would be small and well within their ability to pay.

The plan does not go into effect till January 1959, but already the Government is beginning to realize that its estimate of the cost was far too low; already it has found it necessary to grant \$150 per bed to cover the cost of depreciation and obsolescence of hospitals and their equipment, and to increase their charges for out-patients from 30 cents to \$1.50 per visit.

Meanwhile the directors of the various hospitals are worried over the additional operating costs the plan will impose on them, and the additional charges they will have to make for their services.

One such director has expressed the opinion that the people of Ontario are due for the shock of their lives when they find out what the total cost of this Hospital plan will be. He estimates that the cost to the hospital of standard ward service will be not less than \$17.00 per bed per day.

Somebody will have to pay those costs, and that somebody will be the taxpaying.

Unless our western democracies can find some means of curbing such reckless spending by their governments, democracy itself will not long survive.

### IN OUR MAIL BOX

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for more money. Government spokesmen are cautioning Labor to desist from asking for higher wages, and management to refrain from raising prices.

This argument falls on deaf ears. Management claims higher prices are necessary to pay the increasing demands of Labor. Labor denies this. It claims that higher wages are necessary to keep up with the increasing costs of the things needed to live today.

From the sidelines it appears that neither Labor nor Management has been making very strenuous efforts to solve this perplexing and important question. It has been easier to get higher wages without giving an equivalent production increase. Management has found it easier to grant the increases and boost its own price and profit than to argue about it.

When the situation is analyzed both must accept some of the blame for the growing inflation which shrinks our dollar with every rise in prices.

But much of the blame for the morass into which we are slipping must, in the long run, rest on the shoulders of government whether it be Ottawa, Washington, London or Paris.

If the men directing our destinies cannot do anything else, they might at least do something to which they could refer the factions they are blaming for our economic ills.

Instead of setting an example in economic frugality, governments today are throwing money around like drunken sailors. Instead of seeking ways to save

thinking up new ways to raise more money to send after the cash they have already squandered. Instead of looking inward they are castigating others for following the example they themselves have set.

John Sharp

### York Manor Farm Revenue Is \$16,565

Revenue from York Manor farm to Oct. 1, 1958 was \$16,565. Expenditures for the same period were \$11,512. The Yonge St. farm is operated at the county's Home for the Aged, with commissioners this year being Reeves, Sellers of Sutton and Daniels of Stouffville. Reeve Taylor of Richmond Hill served on the committee. Farm manager is Archie Ritchie.

Despite the unfavorable season, the hay crop was excellent at York Manor farm. Harvested this year were 7,500 bales or 150 tons of hay.

The sale of livestock amounted to \$4,148. All livestock for sale was advertised in local papers. No enquiries were received.

A young bull was sold to the Central Ontario Cattle Breeders association. It was a calf of Kenevelyn Lochinvar Sandra. A breeding unit in the States has offered an option on her next calf if it is a bull.

When the stable was renovated in 1957, plans were made for a stable cleaner. It has been purchased and keeps the stable more sanitary with less labor.

A new power mower was purchased in July. A barn elevator to lift bales of hay in the mow was bought.

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## LAFF OF THE WEEK



## United Co-Op Business Up by 11.5 Million Dollars

The United Co-operatives of Ontario will meet contract farming competition from other companies, indicated Alden McLean, Muirkirk, president of the UCO, in his presidential address to the joint annual meeting of the United Co-operatives of Ontario and the United Dairy and Poultry Co-operative held in Toronto.

More than 600 delegates and visitors representing some sixty thousand farmers and other patrons of farm co-ops in Ontario heard Mr. McLean report that a substantial amount of money had been appropriated by UCO for use by local co-operatives to assist them to meet competition. Your directors believe that contract farming and vertical integration have some advantages and should be used where they help the farmer," he told delegates. "However we believe that farming should be controlled by farmers and to make that possible, the farmer may contract with his own co-op where he is part owner, rather than surrender his own independence to non-farm corporate enterprises."

A panel discussion on the morning of the second day supported the view of the UCO directors. The discussion on Co-ops in Integration, chaired by Ray Lougheed, Barrie, second vice-president of the UCO, brought out the thought that co-operatives were the best farm organizations to undertake contract farming with the farmers if the latter were to retain control of their farm businesses.

Panel member Dr. Horner, on the staff of the economics department, OAC, Guelph, reported that contract farming was definitely on the increase, but he indicated that this system would not likely be as popular with hogs and eggs as it has been with broilers. Other panel members were — Mr. R. McKercher of Seaforth, vice-president of the UDCP, Harold Schmidt, Baden, and Hamish McLeod, UCO Head office, Weston.

The official viewpoint of the new United Dairy and Poultry Co-operative on contract farming was voiced by George McCague, Harriston, who is its first president. Mr. McCague said that vertical integration or contract farming was a logical move for the two provincial co-operatives. He pointed out that UCO could supply contracts and backlog to farmers for poultry and eggs and the dairy and poultry marketing co-operative could market the products to the best advantage of the producers.

The United Co-operatives achieved a record year in 1958, according to reports from the special youth session. Chairman Dave Pelletier of Guelph asked his panel members to relate the findings of the various discussion groups. Generally they were in disagreement with the senior panel on the value of contract farming. They reported that they felt contract farming had a demoralizing effect on farmers; that it would tend to cause loss of pride in their work with a resultant loss in quality of farm products.

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They did agree that vertical integration was here to stay and that the farmer had little say about it coming or going. The young farmers felt that co-ops should study advantages and disadvantages thoroughly and educate farm people on the problems involved with contract farming so that they could understand it. They agree that if farmers were to retain con-

to the local co-ops, it was announced. Mr. Bailey spoke of the UCO putting aside over \$500,000 for contract farming assistance to members, but told the delegates the board now realized that this amount would be insufficient and likely would be increased several-fold.

Mom cherishes as a personal compliment a gift that brings beauty into her home. Elegance will sit in her living room in a softly upholstered leather chair.

Todays' supply leathers have brought a relaxed, more feminine look to chairs and sofas. Available in more than 500 color tones, the extreme pliability of modern tannages makes possible tufting, quilting, embossing and trapunto designs. The new low sheet finishes feature any traditional room setting.

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Doubtless welcome in a house with combined living-dining areas is a folding screen in delicate matchstick leather. This gift has utility and beauty as a room divider, or it may be used to create the illusion of an entrance hall in today's smaller homes.

### Elegance Sits In A Leather Upholstered Chair This Christmas

Pipe, slippers, book... make Dad's dream complete this Christmas by adding the leather chair. Include a matching hassock for an extra bonus in health and comfort.

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