

Report From Parliament

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Since the new rules provide for a half hour oral question period on all days except Mondays, when one hour is set aside for oral questions, it had been anticipated that the Government would be more efficient in answering written questions which are being placed on the Order Paper. This, however, has not been the case. On Monday, June 28th, there were still some 167 questions which remained unanswered; 24 of these were two months old, some 51 approximately one month old, and some 89 questions have been on the Order Paper unanswered from three days to two weeks. The only explanation for this large number of questions remaining unanswered is the evident negligence on the part of the Ministers responsible for these questions. This is far too many questions to remain unanswered for a period of time they have appeared on the Order Paper. An appeal was made to the Government to prevail upon the Ministers to answer these questions more expeditiously than they have been answered up to the present time.

As a follow-up to the Canada-United States Automobile Agreement, the Minister of Industry and the Minister of Labour made announcements in the House in respect to those industries and employees who would be affected by this Agreement.

So far as Industry is concerned, loans will be made available to them for the purpose of acquisition, construction, installation, modernization, development, conversion, or expansion of land, building, equipment, facilities or machinery and for use as working capital. They will be charged an interest rate of 6% and the loan would be payable over not more than 20 years for land and buildings and ten years for other purposes. These loans would be available to the Canadian Automotive Parts manufacturers for expanded production, rationalization of output and reduced costs. The explanation given by the Minister was that if Canadian

Chow Chow Breed At Markham Show



Looking something like a cross between a fox and a Scotch collie is this male Chow Chow, an entry in the Ontario County Kennel Club Championship dog show held in the Markham Arena on Saturday. The owners are Mr. and Mrs. N. V. McEachern of Weston. —Staff Photo.

part makers are to take advantage of the plan, they must be increasingly competitive and flexible in their operations. As far as the laid-off employees in the automobile industry are concerned, the Minister of Labour announced that a new plan of assistance would be available to replace the present SUB plan which has been created through collective bargaining. This new assistance plan will provide assistance benefits

ranging from 62 percent to 75 percent of the workers' weekly pay, depending on the number of his dependents. This is subject, however, to a maximum of 65 percent of average weekly wages and salaries, which currently amounts to close to \$75. This plan has been immediately criticized by Mr. George Burt of the United Automobile Workers and he stated that this was insufficient aid to those who

will fall victims of the agreement between Canada and the United States affecting the automobile industry. Parliament will now recess for the summer months for the first time in two years. This will be a welcome change and afford an opportunity for Members of Parliament to look after the interests of their Ridings until September when this session is expected to reconvene.

Mrs. Harvey Brickwood Of Markham Is Active At Age Of Ninety

Mrs. Dianne Brickwood turned 90 on Saturday, July 3rd, but hardly had time to attend her own party. Born in 1875, Mrs. Brickwood has been active since she was old enough to walk. And being 90 isn't changing anything. Thursday she was a visitor at the Oshawa Shopping Centre. Wednesday, she was downtown, and Saturday, she travelled to Markham for her birthday at her son's home.

"I'm a little tired today," she said Friday, "but a short rest will fix that."

Mrs. Brickwood was born Dianne Stover, and she has lived the major part of her life in Markham.

Married in 1903, she married Harvey Brickwood in 1903. From Scarborough, Mr. Brickwood was a brick layer by trade, but operated a farm near Markham.

"Actually, he was a 'jack-of-all-trades' doing a little bit of everything," Mrs. Brickwood said. "But, he loved horses, and I guess you could say, he was a teamster."

Mrs. Brickwood moved to Stouffville three years ago. She spent 18 months at the nursing home before moving to the home of Mrs. Murray Forgie at 166 Church Street North.

She has four children, three sons, Bill, Arthur and Walter, and a daughter, Ida.

There are eight grandchildren.

Mrs. Brickwood explained that kept her going.

"I worked hard all my life," she said, "it didn't leave time to grow old."

Too Busy
Although she has been into the States, Mrs. Brickwood said that she never was much for travelling.

"I was just always too busy to bother with taking holidays," Mrs. Brickwood explained, "that although she has lived a good life, there might be one or two things that she'd change if she had it to do all over again."

Mrs. Brickwood is an active member in many of the Presbyterian Church functions.

Last year she attended the Markham Fair and hopes to do the same this fall.

During her relaxing hours, she does a lot of her own knitting.

Village Has Grown
Mrs. Brickwood said the biggest change she has seen has been the rapid expansion of Markham.

"Why, I don't even know the place anymore, it's grown so much," she exclaimed. "It was such a small quiet town years ago, and now it's a real bustling community."

"What with all the buildings going up, Markham is refusing to stand still," she added.

During the evenings, Mrs. Brickwood enjoys watching television.

"My favourite program," she said, "is the Beverly Hills-billies."

"Granny" is her favourite character.

The birthday party, held at Walter's home in Markham, was another active event in the life of a very active woman.



Mrs. Harvey Brickwood, a long-time resident of Markham and now living in Stouffville, marked her ninetieth birthday with a family gathering on Saturday afternoon. —Staff Photo.

A Wife Is

(Mrs. Murray Dunkeld)

A wife is the girl you married. She likes chocolates, flowers, smart clothes. And going places, as much as the day you married her. If you can't give her these.

A kiss that says, "I love you" will do. A wife is a steam laundry, a house cleaning service, a cook, She is a mother, a nurse, counsellor, and a sock darning, She is a detective.

And quickly locates the screw driver. That you left right there three weeks ago. A wife is a magician. Your favourite shirt appears where she said it was. When she comes to look for it; and in a flash She can produce order in a house.

That you and the children have run through with a bulldozer. A wife mends your wounds, and she is a safety valve. When you must blow off steam at someone. She knows you as a small boy by heart who has never grown up. And that when you have a cold. It is much worse than when she has a cold.

A wife spends the afternoon preparing your favourite meal for the night. You ring at six o'clock to say you are working late at the office. On the weekend she has lunch ready just as you have crawled under the car.

Runs the vacuum cleaner just as you have settled in your chair with the paper, And asks you to fix something just as you are setting off on a golf game.

A wife is the girl you married. Although fatter or thinner, most certainly older. She might even be a bit dull. But look in the mirror, sir. Are you still the handsome, gay, carefree dog you used to be? Honestly, now.

A wife understands you, needs you, loves you. In the world of men, You may feel like crumbling limestone. But the minute you step through your door, You are her Rock of Gibraltar.

Pointed Gun; Uxbridge Man Fined \$100

An Uxbridge man who is alleged to have fired two shots at a delivery man was last week fined \$100 in Whitby Court or 30 days in jail. Warren Thomson of Bascom St., Uxbridge was charged by police with pointing a firearm.

According to evidence, Thomson ordered the man to get off his property. When the salesman suggested that he was bound by a contract, the court learned that Thomson threatened him with the gun.

It was further stated that as the driver left the premises, the accused discharged two shots into the air.

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