

Tribune Editorials

Do It Right Or Forget It

We can't help but say 'amen' to a plea from one of our neighbouring weeklies that the national anthem either be played properly and with proper respect or not at all.

We have all experienced that usual after-the-show moment of national reverence, people caught with coats half on and some with hats as well, as well as some in full flight for the exits.

Even when we stand to attention we don't hear the full 14 bars, but only six. At this point an unseen hand yanks the record to a halt. Of all the theatres around, possibly only the O'Keefe Centre gives this part of the program the full treatment to which it is entitled.

The Provincial Theatres Act, we are told, lays down the requirement that the national anthem be played at the beginning and end of each public

performance.

We've all been through this sudden intrusion of the anthem that comes without warning; we've seen the departure in full swing. Then comes that undignified pause as many try to recover.

How can this be a mark of respect when some movie houses can scarcely bring themselves to go through the motions. And what's all the hurry. Sure it's another mark of our hurried and harried life that is bringing so many to an early grave, and it's all so ridiculous.

If the law requires it, let it be done properly — the full anthem, a good rendition of it, with the roll of drums and all that, and let the audience do proper homage to the symbol of our country. Let's do it right or forget it.

Walk And Still Enjoy Your Pie

There's nothing new about the idea of moderation in all things, a point that will receive some attention in the upcoming liquor vote in Stouffville. However, in this case we are talking about diets in general and their relation to heart trouble.

A new report from the U.S. National Academy of Science is more conservative than some that have been published in the past. It stresses the necessity for exercise as much as anything in offsetting the dangers of heart disease. It finds that the common diet of most people on this continent needs

only a small reduction in total fat intake.

Seems the experts are a bit puzzled about the values of dieting and the many methods of fighting excess weight.

They seem to have discovered what has been evident for a long time, that one man's meat is another man's poison.

The report will ease a lot of worries. Summing it up the report seems to say that we can still enjoy our pie so long as we walk to work — not an unreasonable proposition.

A Tax That Few Can Escape

Trade Minister Winters has given the first hint that that iniquitous tax known as succession duties, may be relaxed. He commented last week that such abolition might not be a bad idea. This tax was originally brought in as a sort of vengeance against those people who had amassed money. While the amount in government terms is not large, it can be most devastating to an

individual. While the federal government allows certain exemptions, the provincial government steps into the breach and taxes even the smallest saver.

Premier Manning of Alberta is preparing to make such a move and it is expected that the Carter Tax Commission report will advocate relief in this area.

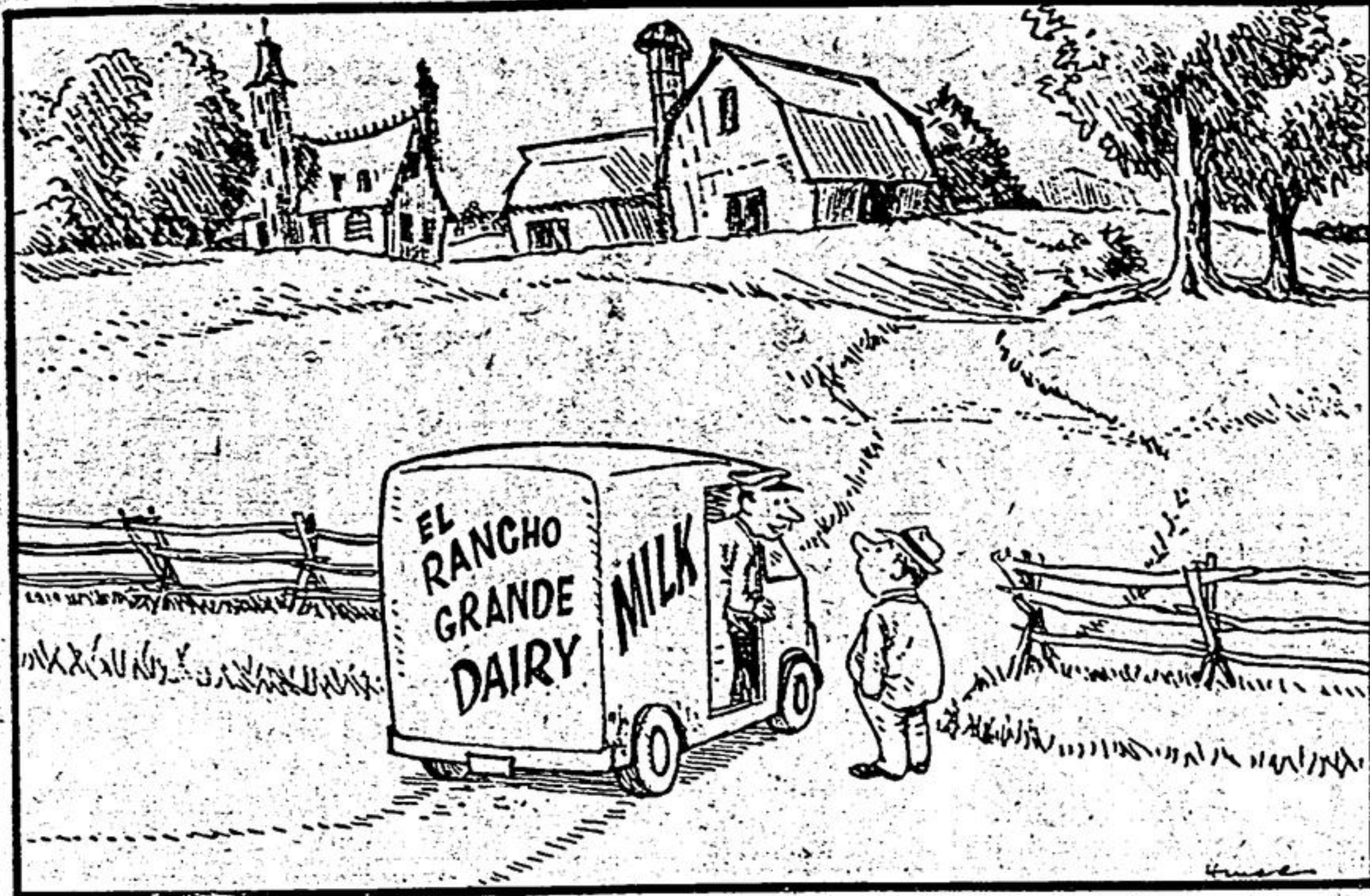
"Long-Hairs" Barred From France

Youths sporting long, unkempt and dirty locks are being barred from France. One such character who failed to gain entrance into French territory is said to have snorted, "It's an abridgement of our personal freedom."

A number have now fallen victim of this unusual government decree which stops such vagabonds at the

border. The uproar has said to have driven a number to Spain. The French may have started something. It could end up on the American continent with world-wide import restrictions against long-haired beatniks.

This may be the only way to persuade them to go to their friendly barber.



"A lot of ex-dairy farmers have acquired a taste for milk."

SUGAR AND SPICE

Riding The Waves

By BILL SMILEY



This summer, I've been out in a boat only twice, but each was memorable in its fashion.

The first time, old friends called and told us to be at their cottage sharp at noon next day. They were entertaining friends from the States and wanted us to join them for a special scenic ride by chartered boat.

It sounded interesting. And it was. We drove 50 miles to their cottage. Light refreshments and we all piled into two cars and drove 15 miles to Tobermory.

The boat's skipper was an old friend, Archie Simpson, and we exchanged, "Long-time-no-see's."

Everything went swimmingly. It was a beautiful afternoon, our host had provided all the trimmings, the company was pleasant and the scenery superb as we cruised along the rugged north shore of the Bruce Peninsula.

Then the breeze freshened. We began to wallow a bit. Nothing serious, but two of the party began turning a pale green. Should we go on or turn back? It was decided to press on, pull into Wingfield Basin, and wait for the breeze to drop.

It didn't. It became a wind. The skipper said it would be a rough trip back. The ladies looked longingly at the shore. After two hours, our host, stout-chap, borrowed a dinghy and rowed 500 yards to the lighthouse, made arrangements, and rowed back, without even suffering a coronary.

We went ashore. Two cars were available. We would drive to Tobermory, pick up our own cars, and drive back to the cottage. But who was going to drive the two cars back to the lighthouse?

That was only the beginning of the complications, too involved to relate here. Both cars broke down. The rear end went on one just as we reached Tobermory, and the other crept into the village sans brakes.

The ladies, grimy but glad, took one of our own cars and went back to the war than they did to fight the whole of Hitler's might.

More and more useless jobs are being created (mostly paper work), and it seems to me that it is rapidly coming to the point where it will be more sensible to pay people not to work than to pay them to work for the sake of work; or find some other way of getting the abundance of goods to the people.

I would like to mention in closing that the Stouffville Tribune, along with other publications, has been accepting \$70 million a year in subsidies from the public purse in the form of ridiculous low postal rates. I have no doubt that you will stand in righteous indignation when the government decides to raise the rates to a realistic level. I feel that you might well be more careful about throwing stones when you are so vulnerable yourself.

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coltage. My host, another chap and myself spent two hours and drove about 80 miles, organizing the return of the borrowed cars.

But it all ended pleasantly, with hamburgers at the cottage about 10 p.m. Midnight found me arguing racial problems with a big, dumb Norwegian lawyer from Chicago. He's so dumb he has only three million dollars to his name. And we still had to drive 50 miles home.

A memorable boat ride. Ten miles by boat and 250 by car. But good clean fun all the way.

The other boat ride was a typical Smiley event. Kim and I went out in her uncle's boat, after a three-minute period of instruction. She insisted on driving, though she'd never steered anything more powerful than a canoe.

We staggered about the lake, she

grinning wildly. I rigid with fear in the bow. Four miles from the home dock, we hit bottom.

"Drop the anchor! Man overboard! Hard astern!" I yelled these and a few other salty, sea-going terms. Too late. We had sheared a pin, whatever that means.

I spoke silently to myself for about five minutes, head bowed as if in prayer. Then I reached for the paddle. No paddle. We made it ashore in 40 minutes, using our hands as paddles.

She stuck with the ship. I waded rocky shoreline and clambered, bare-footed, through poison ivy, seeking help. Three hours after we had set out on a 15-minute whirl about the lake, we got back to port. Mama was waiting.

If you're planning a boat trip, perhaps you shouldn't ask yours truly along.



THIS WEEK & NEXT

Canada, A Welfare State

By RAY ARGYLE

If there was ever any doubt that Canada's ultimate destiny was that of a full-fledged welfare state, that doubt can now be removed. All parties are committed to the welfare state design and the only disagreement among them is the speed at which the final goal can be realized.

The past year has seen the introduction of the Canada Pension Plan which will supplement the Old Age Pension and guarantee all working Canadians a reasonable standard of living beyond retirement.

In the meantime, the new supplemental pensions to be introduced next year will guarantee a minimum of \$105 monthly for every retired Canadian until the more generous CPP has been in operation long enough to cover all workers. The supplemental pensions are not universal in that only those with incomes less than \$105 will qualify, but they nevertheless raise the bottom levels to more tolerable minimums.

Another key piece of welfare state legislation which sailed through Parliament this year was the Canada Assistance Plan, now undergoing Senate study.

The philosophical key to the Assistance Plan is that it will be based on need as the sole qualification for public aid. All other factors — personal morality, unwillingness to work, availability of jobs — won't matter.

It is this clause which has raised the hackles of individualistic MPs and Senators. One viewpoint was summed up by Senator James Walker, an Ontario Conservative. He said it seemed to be designed for freeloaders. But Senator John MacDonald, a Nova Scotia Tory, expressed the opposing viewpoint with the belief that very few able-bodied men would go on welfare rather than work.

The other major welfare legislation in the works is Medicare, which Prime Minister Pearson had hoped to have in operation in 1967. This now seems doubtful, particularly with the new Quebec government dragging its feet, and in light of criticisms levelled against the plan at the Provincial Premiers Conference in Toronto.

welfare might sap the initiative of some Swedish businessmen are resourceful world traders and worker productivity is remarkably high.

In Canada, the growing intervention of the government in business — in everything ranging from economic planning to collection of sales taxes — adds to the businessman's headaches and costs. Increasing taxes hit especially hard at higher income levels — but nobody has yet been known to turn down a wage increase because part of the raise will be lost in taxes.

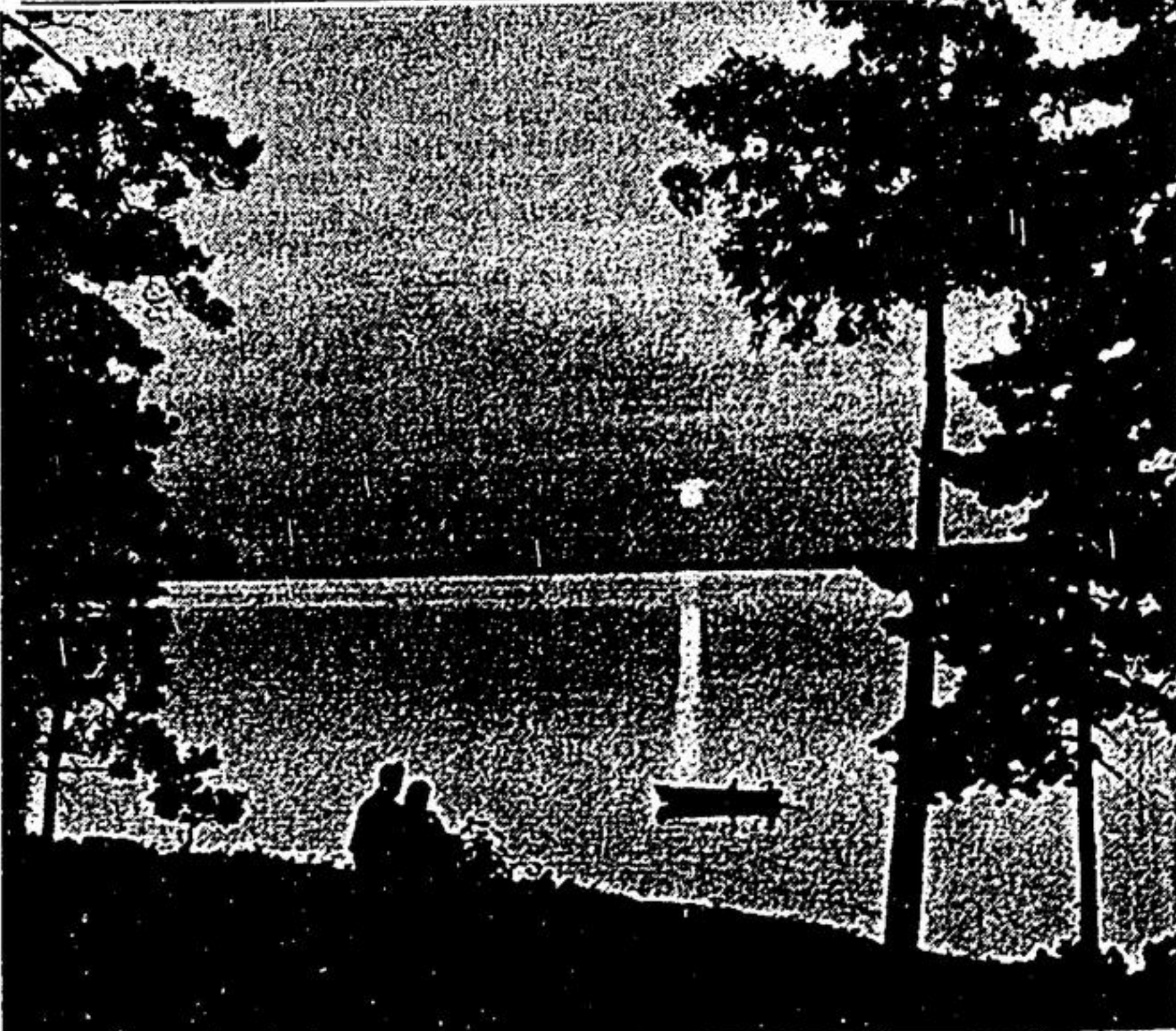
The basic argument against welfare statism — that a society of drones has to be supported by a minority willing to work — has never been backed up with much hard evidence. If Medicare means that children of the poor will get adequate health care, and if free education means that bright students who could not otherwise go to university will have the chance to do so, then the effects can hardly be anything but beneficial.

Those who are dedicated to fighting the welfare state would be well advised to change their tactics. Rather than waging a losing battle, they would serve their country better by joining the effort for an efficient welfare state capable of preserving maximum individual freedom and upgrading cultural and intellectual levels which, after generations of "rugged individualism," are still appallingly low in much of Canadian life.

To see what Canada's future as a welfare state will be, probably the best place to look is Sweden. That country has achieved a near-total welfare state supported by a capitalistic economy and regulated by a democratic government.

Sweden spends about one-third of its tax revenues on welfare, compared to one-quarter in Canada. Government pensions of about two-thirds of a person's best earning years are universal at 65 — the age to which Canada's pensions are now being progressively lowered. Health care has been socialized but there is still some private medicine practised — just as Canada is doing.

Those who know Sweden say that taxation is burdensome and that while



CANADIAN SUNSET. On the shores of a small northern lake, a couple sits silhouetted near the still waters, watching the red summer sun sink towards the far horizon. — TNS Photo

Churches 40 Years Ago

By The Rev. A. C. Forrest (Editor United Church Observer)

I've been spending some enjoyable and profitable hours at my cottage this year reading old newspapers.

A retired minister friend of mine decided to move to a smaller place recently so he did a little housecleaning. He gave me about a bushel of old copies of Canadian papers. They include very special papers over the period of June 4 to 12, 1925 — and late June and early July, 1927.

The '27 papers included the diamond Jubilee issues of course. The 1925's were special for me because they gave front page daily reports of the final agonies of Church Union, and the birth of the continuing Presbyterian Church.

Naturally I searched the religious, pages and church ads, but much of the other stuff was fascinating too. Especially the advertisements for Ford Tourings, and a Willys Knight "with a trunk and many extras."

TIRES MORE EXPENSIVE

Gorries has a "Car for the holiday reconconditioned and ready to go 1,000 miles." Car tires were more expensive then and guaranteed for 10,000 miles.

A lot of places wanted school-teachers. Madoe H.S. was offering \$1700-\$2000. That was the roaring twenties, remember.

In Westminster the Hon. Winston Churchill was baiting Lady Astor; It seems that the Labor Party wanted a decrease in the tax on tea on the assumption that it would decrease alcohol consumption. Winston; then the Chancellor of the Exchequer, pointed out that alcohol consumption had already dropped so drastically that it "caused anxiety to the Exchequer and joy to Lady Astor."

He was against the reduction on the tea tax. Lady Astor pointed out that she was not happy about the "light way in which the nation's expenditure of £300 million a year on drink was talked about by such leaders as Churchill." She was for tea and temperance.

CANADIAN FLAG

I noticed too that on June 9, 1925, a committee of the House of Commons was authorized to draw up a design for a distinctive Canadian flag.

The Saturday advertisements for Sunday services reflected a different ecclesiastical world from ours.

For July 2, 1925, for example, all churches had both morning and evening services and most of them had Sunday school in the afternoon. A good number of the ministers held Bible classes throughout the summer. Dr. Salem Bland, Dr. T. T. Shields and others conducted several services a Sunday and had classes too. Dr. Shields' Jarvis Street Church had a prayer meeting on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights.

BIBLE CLASS NEWS

Sunday School picnics merited second section cover stories, and there was a lot of Bible class news.

Permanent waves which sometimes denounced from the pulpit as a wicked way to waste your money, and merited sermons along with evils like getting your hair bobbed and wearing lipstick cost \$10. No wonder they were denounced by men preachers.

And ministers who wrote columns on religion for the secular press were very wordy; I think they were much duller and certainly a lot more pompous and preachy than we are now. And as far as I can find if there was anything wrong about organized religion or the churches it wasn't mentioned in the papers.

1935

John P. Carr, a farmer two and a half miles north of Unionville, was unable to obtain the use of a threshing machine in the daytime and did all his threshing at night. Sixteen men worked all night on the machine and 900 bushels were threshed.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Wants Pay For The Easy

By OUR READERS

Editor of Tribune.

Your report of the meeting of Stouffville Vote No Organization was appreciated. In each of three issues giving publicity to the Sept. 17 Vote we've been referred to as the "Dry's." Generally this is the public's term for us. In Plebiscites of former times it was correct but not so today when the issues are Do We Want An Increase Of Outlets? Do We Really Want Them In Stouffville? Thoughtful "Social Drinkers" and "Abstainers" can be of the same mind in answering this. Certainly in West Toronto they co-operated well to KEEP OUTLETS OUT.

Another possible misunderstanding we point out is regarding the Petition. We are not assuming that because a name is there the signer is in favour of changing our Local Option status. As the stranger-canvassers stressed: The Petition was merely a Request for a Vote. A name thereon does not exclude one from working with us. We are proud of the slogan "STOUFFVILLE IS A GOOD PLACE TO LIVE." We invite

all to any of the Tuesday evening Workshop Meetings.

Mrs. H. De Witt,
Sec'y. Vote No Organization.

THE Editor

It has been said by an eminent psychologist that people show their age by their attitude toward social change in a changing world. Your editorial "The lazy have rights," is a case in point. With the raise of automatic production, it has become less and less necessary to work. Most of our movies and television programs are teaching the youth of the country that no-one works and everybody lives in luxury. Payment of debts is never stressed, and is usually not mentioned.

Unemployment has become so bad that the United States is finding it necessary to draft between 40 and 50 thousand men a month to maintain the myth of full employment. They now have more men under arms and are spending more money to fight a brush

ED. NOTE: For the information of the writer the subsidy which he speaks of is only a fraction of the amount mentioned, but most important it was NEVER given to the newspapers, but was given by Parliament to the public of which he is a member.

LOOKING BACKWARD

1925.
Miss Eva Hoover carried off the most prizes of the flower show last week thus keeping O'Brien Ave. in the front.

The Gold Fish Supply Co. of Stouffville is attracting thousands daily to their exhibit in the Ontario Government Building at the Toronto Exhibition. The large tanks display sport fish such as bass, trout and sturgeon, while salt water exhibits include horse shoe and other strange exhibits.

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