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ELECTION BELLS ARE RINGING—

THERE HAS BEEN MORE TALK about a Civic election in Jarvis in the last few days than we have heard in the last ten years. We regard that as one of the best signs for the future of the Village since the waterworks plan was brought to a vote in 1933. We only hope that the result this time will be more progressive.

In the thirteen years that has gone by since the last election in Jarvis there has been no lack of suitable nominations of Candidates for office on the Village Council, but there has been a lamentable lack of nominated candidates with a sufficient interest in their responsibilities to allow their names to come before the electors.

In 1947 a new Reeve will head the Council. At least one new Councillor will have to be named and, we hope, elected. Will it be another case of acclamation, or will the people let their choice be known?

There is work to be done by the 1947 council. Quite enough to put to work the abilities of the best possible candidates we can elect. Certainly the citizens have a responsibility in determining who the elected representatives will be and they can only discharge that responsibility through the ballot box. It is wholly unfair to expect five men to administer the affairs of the Village without the sure knowledge they have the support of the majority of the electors.

Lets hope the citizens will do their part in the coming nominations and election.

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LIQUOR CONTROL—

PREMIER DREW announced, in a trans-Canada Radio Broadcast, last Thursday night that "Cocktail Lounges" could legally serve the public, commencing January 1st, 1947. In the course of his address the Premier explained the move was designed by the Government with the hope of improving the present conditions relating to the liquor traffic. He disclaimed any tie-up with the liquor interests.

There is no doubt that the amendments made by the Drew Government to the Liquor Control Act, have served to develop one of the foremost issues in the minds of the people of Ontario. The temperance forces, as usual, are condemning the Government with childlike fervor and "letters to The Editor" are filling the mail boxes in newspaper offices. Teen-agers have been urged to make their voices heard against the cocktail lounges by writing to newspapers with nothing more in the contents than "We do not want Cocktail Lounges." These teen-agers are unquestionably justified in their abhorrence of the evils of the liquor traffic, but unfortunately, like many adults, think that the evils can be eliminated by the making of a law to prohibit the manufacture of liquor. It's not as simple as that.

Even the temperance cranks recognize the good work of the society known as "Alcoholics Annonymous". But they should also recognize that the success of this work has not been achieved by individuals or groups that prate about "total abstainence." Their success has been achieved by a realistic approach to the grievous question. The trouble with the temperance forces, sincere though they may be, is that they regard even the mildest drinkers in the same light as the topers who constantly disgrace the moral sensibilities of all decent thinking people.

When the temperance forces base their demands on reason they will find that they will enlist the support of the great majority of their fellow citizens and when that is done, surely a plan can be evolved which will lead to true alcoholic temperance in Ontario.

In the meantime we at least credit the Drew Government in being sincere.

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BLOWING UP THE BALLOON—

— By Lewis Milligan —

THE OTHER DAY I was watching a youngster blowing up a toy balloon. He wanted to see how big he could make it, and at every blow he would hold it at arm's length and admire his accomplishment. The bigger it grew, the more he liked it, and in his delight he called upon his companions to "Look!" Instantly the balloon disappeared like a soap bubble into thin air, and the expression on the youngster's face can be better imagined than described.

We have been perpetually warned in recent years of the danger of inflation, and it is doubtful if one in twenty persons really understands what inflation means. The youngster did not realize the danger of losing his balloon; he probably thought he could keep on inflating it indefinitely, or that it would come to a point beyond which his blowing power could not expand it, but that it would stay right there and he would still have his big balloon. It would seem that many people are no wiser than that youngster, and that they believe they can keep on inflating the currency balloon by means of higher and higher wages without affecting its purchasing power—much less of risking its complete collapse.

Money, of course, is a sort of elastic commodity; it can be expanded or deflated within reasonable limits without any very serious danger with the ebb and flow of trade. But there is danger in both directions, and more particularly in over-expansion, because in that case the deflation is sudden and complete. Nobody wants that to happen—at least, nobody who wants to preserve a balanced national economy. But there are those in our midst who don't like our national economy or anything else about our democratic system. They would like to establish some other system, and in order to do this they must first bring about a collapse—they must blow up the balloon until it bursts. They have been blowing up the wage balloon of late and calling upon the workers to admire their achievement.

What is perhaps an extreme example of this distention of wages is cited by The Pacific Grove (Calif.) Tribune in an editorial entitled "No More Goose." The Tribune says that it "looks as if someone was trying to sabotage the American Labor Movement." The Typographical Union has recently become affiliated with the C.I.O. "With this new association," says the Tribune, "appeared the same greed for money which on the part of the employers a hundred years ago had originally caused its formation. Printers in Chicago today get about $2.00 an hour. But printers are in demand now; so the C.I.O. sets a higher price on printers with the following demands:

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"To the rank and file union printer this looks like a pretty good way to make money, and it looks as if the C.I.O. is being unbelievably good to them. After all the C.I.O. is bigger and stronger than 90% of the employers; so, "who can stop us?"

If those figures were not quoted by a reliable newspaper, one would be inclined to doubt their accuracy. The question arises: Who is going to pay the bloated wage bill? Certainly not the employer. "Since most small employers don't make $120 a week," says the Tribune, "the increase could not possibly come from their pockets, but would obviously have to be paid by the public in the form of higher printing costs." Naturally, the public would have to curtail drastically its use of printing and in many instances might cut it out altogether, and the balloon would burst! Apply the same process of boosted wages to all trades and you have universal inflation—and collapse.

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GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN—

THE EDITOR of the C.I.L. Oval catches the popular understanding of human relationships when he says: "Too many people, disheartened by the strife and misunderstanding that exists at home and abroad, the ancient Christmas message of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" seems as ironic this year as at any time the world was aflame with war."

Such thoughts, it seems to us, are unduly pessimistic. The World today is convalescing from a great illness. Sometimes, in the early days of convalescence, the patient feels sicker than when the crisis was upon him. Perhaps the healing process will best be speeded not by pessimism and fear, but by cheerful confidence that all will yet be well.

It is possible to be so obsessed with the dangers and practical difficulties facing us that we fail to see that men the world over are striving toward the ideal upon which all our hopes depend—the ideal of the brotherhood of man, set before us by the Prince of Peace whose birth we celebrate at this season.

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MAKE HOBBIES COUNT—

TO THE PERSUASIONS of advertisers that with the advent of long winter nights it's time to curl up with a good book, we venture to add another — a search of your attic.

Nearly every Canadian will find there relics of hobbies once pursued but now forgotten—perhaps a stamp album, a butterfly net, a camera, a musical instrument. And nearly everyone can recall the youthful abandon with which he pursued school-day avocations.

It's time, we think, that Canadians recapture the interest and flavor of those early hobbies.

Now, of course, the quondam schoolboy has grown up. He wants to "get ahead." Hobbies? They're for the arty set; he has no time for them.

On this point, we suggest, he's quite wrong. Let him remember while young that nothing is more pathetic than the elderly person whose only interest in life has been his work.

Perhaps he's retired after forty years' service, this elder. His associates wish him well. For a while this senior citizen watches the seconds crawl by. Then he dies—years before his time. A far-fetched example? No; every doctor knows of such cases.

The reason? No hobby, no interest to occupy the years of retirement. Far better that such worthy men—good husbands, good providers—develop a hobby early; carry over into adult life an interest formed in youth.

Many—and happy—are the men whose leisure-time pursuits have become their businesses; many the amateur enthusiast whose contributions to his field—astronomy, for example—have won the praise of professionals.

The moral, it seems to us—don't deprecate the enthusiasms of the amateur musician, artist, nature student—rather, emulate them. These hobbyists may never become Titians, Paderewskis, shakespeares—but they're happy. More, they are laying up for their later years intellectual resources which their detractors do not possess.

But for the man without a hobby—harsh though it sounds—leisure years will be merely the interval between retirement and interment.

Dig out whichever of those attic relics appeals to you—and use it.

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

"Tell the people that the extension of Governmental powers into planned economy in time of peace is the denial of liberty inevitably. For the very theory of planning requires that man shall become a wooden figure without will, without individuality, that he shall be, in short, that powerless human sheep, the economic man, a social and political eunuch."
—William Allen White

Montaigne said there never were in the world two opinions alike, no more than two hairs, or two grains; the most universal quality is diversity. If Montaigne is correct we wonder if the thousands of people who have essentially the same ideals will eventually be able to unify their thoughts sufficiently to solve the problems that beset the world today.

We apparently gave a wrong impression in this column last week when we said something about having to read the papers to get the news. The substance of the news was correct. We are resigning from the Reeveship this year. Definitely But we hope we are not retiring from Municipal politics for life, nor particularly because of the pressure of other business as quoted in other papers. The real reason is a secret.

The Hamilton election was a real demonstration of democracy at work Sam Lawrence was re-elected and controller Nor Frances again headed the polls. They represented opposite ideologies, but apparently won popular support because they both have minds of their own and are not afraid to express themselves, despite possible political disadvantages.

The radio announcer said on Monday night that Sam Lawrence polled 36,000 some odd votes against his opponent Don Clarke, who polled around 26,000 votes. He then said that Don Clarke conceded the election of Mr. Lawrence. Under the circumstances that was most magnanimous of Mr. Clarke.

The paper headline says a two alarm fire gutted the Toronto Hydro Commission Workshop—and defective wiring was the cause. Thomas Richard Henry says it reminds him of the Merriton Fire Hall burning down. It reminds us of bald headed barbers that religiously advertise hair restorers.

Rays of Sunshine

For however small your job may appear,
You're just as important as any small gear,
That meshes with others in some big machine,
And helps keep it going, though never is seen.

They could do without you, of course, we'll admit,
Business even keeps on when the big
So always remember, my lad, if you can,
That the jobs more important (Oh Yes!) than the man.

So if its your hope to stay off the shelf,
Think more of your job than you do of yourself;
Your job is important — Don't think it is not.
So try hard to give it the best that you've got.

And don't ever think you're of little account;
Remember you're part of the total amount.
If you were not needed you would'nt be there,
So always my boy, keep your chin in the air.

Mechanic, dispatcher, bus driver, or clerk,
Think well of your Firm, yourself, and your work.

This Week - -

Specially Written for the Record
— By John Smaller —
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Toronto December 11 - (CP) - The "battle of the Bands" shifted into high gear last week with Premier Drew executing an encircling manoeuvre against the antis by announcing Jan. 1 as the day when the new Ontario Liquor Licensing Act goes into effect. But Toronto's "Operation Plebiscite" — the vote on whether the city's electors want cocktail bars (with the results to have no influence on the provincial government's decision) — came to a dead halt when an Ontario Supreme Court judge issued an injunction restraining Toronto municipal electors from voting on the issue.

The act, which provides for the sale of liquor by the glass in Ontario for the first time in thirty years, has been a contentious issue in the province since last spring when the provincial house passed approval of the new Ontario Liquor Licensing Act. Provisions in the act make it possible for five of Ontario's largest cities—Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, London and Windsor - - to permit establishment of what has become known as cocktail bars. Liquor by the glass will be sold in hotel taverns and dining lounges in these cities without a vote of the electors. In the smaller centres the act provides for such sale on a three-fifths majority vote in local plebiscites. The revised liquor act also enables the government to take over all retail beer outlets for sale of beer in the province.

Brewing for many months in Toronto municipal circles, the issue came to a head with that city council's decision recently to allow municipal electors to express opinion on the whole matter.

Over a province-wide radio network Premier Drew last week made the surprise announcement that the new Liquor Licensing Act would go into effect January 1st — the very day Toronto's electors were to be expressing their opinions on the matter. Undaunted, city councillors announced that the plebiscite would proceed nevertheless.

The day after Premier Drew's announcement came another surprise move. This time from a different front. On motion by Joseph S. Stauffer, a director of the Toronto Property Owners' Association, Mr. Justice W. F. Schroeder of the Ontario Supreme Court issued an interim injunction restraining Toronto municipal electors from voting on the cocktail bar plebiscite January 1st.

Outright repeal of the Forest Resources Act, passed in 1937, was advocated before the Royal Commission on Forestry at its first Toronto hearing last week. This request came from the Canadian Pulp and Paper association which contended that the act is a threat to the security of tenure of lands.

Objection to the act, as expressed in the association's brief, is that it gives the government the power of reducing timber limits by order-in-council and "very frequently such steps are taken without the person affected being heard."

The brief recommended continuity of government policies as they applied to the administration of timber resources. To aid solve the labor shortage in the lumbering industry, the association asked for selected immigration from Europe.

MEET ME AT JARVIS
— ON —
SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Church Notes

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

On Thursday, December 19th, a sound film in natural colour will be shown at the Village Hall in Selkirk at 8.00 P.M. The picture is entitled "The God of Creation" and sets forth in all their beauty, wonder, and power, the words of the microscope and the telescope. No admission charge will be made. The evening is being sponsored by the Selkirk Young People's Union.

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The Selkirk Young People's Union met on Monday, December 9th in the Church of Christ. The program for the evening was led by Miss Reta Hunter. The topic of the evening "Man a Possessor and Partner With God" was given by Miss Helen Messner.

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WESLEY UNITED CHURCH NOTES

MEN'S CHOIR

Making their final appearance of the year on Sunday next, the Men's Choir of Wesley Church will be honoured at the after service program and social to be held following the evening service in the Sunday School room.

Steadily improving in performance the Men's Choir can be given much of the credit for the success of the evening service in recent weeks and the lead they have given in the Gospel singing. On Sunday the solo parts will be taken by Dr. Peter Henderson with a chorus taken by the remainder of the choir consisting of Ken. Bousfield, Grant Mowat, Bob Fallis, Tom Fallis, Ed. Stire, Roy Doughty, Jim Doughty, Don Duxbury, Bert Fallis, Harry Gowan, Ralph Gowan, Charles Butts, Joe Jaques Newton Marshall, John Ion, Roy Smith, John Peresky, Charles David son.

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AFTER SERVICE PROGRAM

Featuring refreshments provided under the convenorship of Mrs. Earl Stallwood and a novel musical entertainment program, by local and visiting artists, the after service program this week will take the form of a Fireside Hour to be held in the Sunday School Room.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT

December 23rd is the date set for

le matter.

DIRECTOR

Prominent among radio's music directors is Samuel Hersenhoren who may be heard every Sunda conducting "Music for Canadians at 7.30 P.M. on the CBC Trans Canada network. He also direct the orchestra on the comedy "Sha ster and Wayne" show, broadcast Thursdays at 9.30 P.M. over th same network.

the Annual Sunday School and Congregational Christmas Concert. good program with Santa Claus attendance is ensured.

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W.M.S.

The W.M.S. will meet on Tuesd next at the home of Mrs. Fred Ne man.

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BRICKS

One more brick was added to Overseas Wall at Wesley Uni Church on Sunday morning. bricks are required before the N Year.

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Y.P.U.

On Tuesday evening, December the Young People's Union of Wes held their last regular meeting of year.

It was a splendid and very int esting meeting under the leaders of Clara Deller, our Culture Conv or. She related the "Christ Story" through readers and car Charles Davidson, who has recen returned from the West, gave a t on the Churches that he had visit He told us the difference and likes between our churches and their's.

The minutes were read and business discussed.

Games were enjoyed by all pres which ended with the Mizpah Be diction.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Next Tuesday evening, Decem 17th, the Young People will h their annual meeting. The new fficers who have been appointed the coming year will be nominate during this meeting. All the Yo People are urged to be present voice your opinions.

On Sunday evening, there will a "Fireside Hour" after Church. Young People are asked to this pecially. There is a surprise in s for them!

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The Mission Band will meet Saturday at 1.15 instead of the ual hour. The hour is being ch ed so that the children may at the moving pictures in the hall. Belbeck will have charge of the gram.

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BACK-SEAT LEGISLATORS

The great majority of us are content to let our community run long in whatever particular gr the town fathers have chosen fo with little beyond an occasi backbiting comment in the wa assistance, or interest from us amount of effort on the part of council will be appreciated there is a definite surge of in on the part of every citizen to our community a better place to in.

—Woodstock (N.B.) Sentinel

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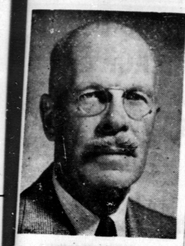

GEOFFREY MILLS

MR. GEOFFREY MILLS NEW TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL COMMISSIONER

The Honourable Dana Porter announced to-day the appointment of Mr. Geoffrey Mills as Trade and Industrial Commissioner at Ontario House, London, England. He has replaced Mr. J. Lyle who, after two years in London, is now Director of Trade & Industry in the Department of Planning and Development at Queen's Park.

Mr. Mills was educated in Toronto at Church Street Public School, Jarvis Collegiate Institute and University of Toronto. After obtaining a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering he joined the Montreal Engineering Company Limited and served with several of their public utility companies — Port Rico Railways, Camaguay Electric Company, Cuba, and Mexican Northern Power Company in Mexico from 1911 until 1914. He served with the Canadian Field Artillery, C.E.F., France, from June 1916 until November 1917 when he was invalided to England. He then acted as Gunnery Instructor at Canadian School of Gunnery at Whitley, Surrey, England until the autumn of 1918 when he joined the Canadian Siberian Expeditionary Force. After discharge in 1919 he spent one year as Vocational Officer, Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment in Montreal. From 1920 to 1929 he was Manager of Underfeed Stoker Company of Canada, manufacturing power plant equipment, heat exchangers, materials handling apparatus and similar lines. For two and a half years he was the Ontario District Manager for Babcock, Wilcox and Goldie McCulloch Limited. In 1931 he became one of the founders and organizers of Corporate Investors Limited, a successful Canadian investment trust and Director and Vice-President of City and Dominion Company Limited, an investment-management organization He was with the Wartime Bureau of Technical Personnel, Department of Labour, Ottawa from March 1942 until his present appointment.

His eldest son served with the Royal Canadian Navy from September 1939 and is now an officer on the permanent strength. His younger son served with the R.C.A.F., and the Fleet Air Arm from October 1942 until invalided out in December 1945.

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SAFEGUARD RACOONS

Racoons have been in various parts of our district. For the information of all, there is a penalty of $200 upon conviction for trapping or killing these animals.

—Miniota (Man.) Herald

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APPLES FOR EXPORT

The news last week that Canadian apple exports will be three and a quarter million boxes provokes hope in the hearts of growers and shippers that British Columbia and the Okanagan will be rewarded a fair share. Some of our famous McIntosh may be included in the shipment to fruit-hungry Britishers and to the cities of the United States.

—Vernon (B.C.) News

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CENTURY OF CANADIAN ADVENTURE

One hundred years ago on November 30th one of Canada's greatest heroes sailed from Halifax to the South Seas. Rev. John Geddie of Pictou, N.S., five feet, more or less, had been appointed by Maritime Presbyterians to the New Hebrides Islands where John Williams of the London Missionary Society had been slain on Erromanga in planning their evangelization. This was the first Canadian effort to operate a foreign mission.

The story of Geddie and his associates is one of dauntless bravery. He sailed around Cape Horn on a 197 ton brig on a voyage that lasted eighteen months before reaching the New Hebrides. With his wife, he faced the savages of these islands and in six weeks had learned the language of Aneeityum and was able to deliver a sermon in stammering fashion.

He reduced their language to writing and opened several snow white school houses on the island. He suffered misunderstanding and hostility when the Christian way of life was seen to conflict with their own savage conceptions. They set his little mansae on fire. Enemies speared his only cow. A church was erected but this was burnt to the ground and dastardly white traders offered 10 gallons of rum to a savage to take John Geddie's life.

They were isolated for the first two years from the outside world. Nevertheless, John Geddie gave the people the Gospel printed in their own tongue. Many of their internecine wars were peacefully settled and in four years many of the leading chiefs had embraced Christianity and a church was organized.

Colleagues arrived from Canada and the Presbyterian Church, Scotland. These suffered privations and martyrdom and so did their native Christian teachers. Two brothers, George and James Gordon, from Prince Edward Island, were martyred in the other's footsteps on Erromanga. Nevertheless, one by one the islands were uplifted from savagery and cannibalism and the majority became Christian.

On Geddie's death in 1872, the Aneityumese erected this memorial tablet: "When he landed in 1848 there were no Christians. When he died in 1872 there were no heathens."

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MISLED TO DISLOYALTY

He who permits himself to be misled or listens to one who would incite his fears or prejudices, is disloyal to his own best interests and disloyal to the community wherein he finds his livelihood.

—Eganville (Ont. Leader

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THE DAILY PERIOD DURING WHICH SAVINGS SHOULD BE EFFECTED IS BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 8 P.M., AND CONDITIONS ARE PARTICULARLY ACUTE BETWEEN 4 P.M. AND 7 P.M.

Factories and industry are asked to switch from day to night operation, in whole or in part, wherever possible, and also to effect all power savings practicable. Street lighting should be reduced to the lowest level consistent with public safety.

THIS IS HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Eliminate the use of electricity for signs, billboards and store windows from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- Eliminate all Christmas decorative lighting until Saturday, December 21st, and again after January 1st.
- Turn off lights when not required.
- Use the minimum number of lights in the living-room, consistent with good vision.
- Do not use electric air heaters and grates.
- Use electrically heated water sparingly and check leaking hot water taps.
- Do not use range elements on "high" when a lower heat will serve, and turn off all elements as soon as possible.
- Cook oven meals as often as possible and avoid the unnecessary use of surface elements.
- Turn the radio on only for programs desired; if not listening, turn it off.
- Operate electric toasters and other small appliances only as needed.

The electric power shortage is a general condition following six years of war and arising from the fact that it was impossible to proceed with the development of sufficient new power sites during the war because of the requirements for war production. Since the war, the critical shortage of men and materials has seriously delayed the development of new sources of power.

The Commission has been reducing loads within its direct control, wherever possible. These reductions are not enough, and it is now necessary to appeal for assistance on the part of all consumers.

Hydro appreciated the splendid voluntary assistance on the part of its consumers during the war, and believes that similar co-operation will be forthcoming at this time.

THE HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER COMMISSION OF ONTARIO