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OBSCENE LITERATURE——

THE FIRST REACTION to Attorney-General Blackwell's announcement that he was going to launch a campaign against obscene publications, was to give Ontario's first officer of the law a slap on the back and say "what delayed you ?"

But more sober reflection sets the question up as a problem of the first magnitude. Its something like girls wearing lipstick. There is bound to be some nice girls wearing lipstick, but that is not to say that all girls who wear lipstick are nice. And who is there qualified to say where the line of demarcation should run ?

Any individual would find no problem in their own mind concerning what is good or bad, but it is quite questionable whether even one's next door neighbour could agree with that view point. We can recall being told that the book "Grapes of Wrath" should be banned from all public libraries in the Country, but after perusing that book we felt no disturbed passions, nor was our moral outlook disturbed. In fact if the book influenced us to any degree, it was to increase our sense of responsibility to our fellowmen.

The principle behind Mr. Blackwell's undertaking is excellent, but we can think of a lot of people we would not want to enjoy any privilege with respect to the selection of our reading.

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THE TROUBLESOME FEW——

THERE ARE A FEW troublesome guzzlers (meaning those who drink greedily or much) who are providing justifiable ammunition for prohibitionists, and disgust to the rank and file of our society.

This minority group have really come into their own with the establishment of licensed beer emporiums on the main streets of the Villages, Towns and Cities throughout Ontario. Not that they did not exist before in the seclusion of the Bootlegger's joint but they now exhibit themselves with reckless abandon before the shocked eyes of the previously uninformed public. The difference now is, will they have a bad influence on the juvenile with respect to his future drinking habits ? It is difficult to believe that any youngster would aspire to emulate the "pub flies", but it must be admitted that the best impressions do not always make the most influence on the unmatured mind. We would like to think that the exhibitions of the carousers would impregnate the minds of those who can be influenced never to become a "drinking fool."

There are a lot of people who would like to know the answer to the drinking problem and like all other questions of import to society at large the solution to different minds lies in opposite directions. We have always held the view that prohibition is impossible, but how to develop intelligent drinking for the troublesome few lies beyond the compass of our attainments.

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BIG PAY——

THERE IS MUCH to be said in favour of higher wages for the ordinary working man, but even when he does get it, it is doubtful if the actual living standard improves according to the increase.

We have before us the statement of a man who started out in life a few years prior to the first Great War. Wages were then eight to ten cents an hour for common labor. He remembers the thrill he experienced when his skill improved and he was advanced to $1.25 per day ($2.75 a week for room and board). It was then quite possible he said to work one's way through four years of a university course. He said he did it himself for the fun of the thing and that there was no trouble in doing it.

Strange isn't it that the greater the capacity to produce the more difficult it is to satisfy our desires. Education will not come that easy now days. When an heir shows prospects of absorbing higher learning instead of going to work at high wage rates, the earnest parent, unless reasonably well off, has a real problem on his hands to find the funds which will lead to a diploma.

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A REAL COMEBACK——

CANADIAN WHEAT has staged a comeback. The life-sustaining grain, piled on prairie ground two years because war had shut Europe's door to it, has moved so swiftly to the half-starved continent that Canada's enormous backlog is almost gone and farmers have been asked to drain their storehouses.

Wheat is the reserve food on which the world depends. Nothing produces more food value per acre or unit of labor. But during the early years of the war Canada's wheat could not be sold. Government subsidies were necessary and, even though acreage was cut, production was so high—1942 set a record of 556,000,000 bushels—that stocks piled up and producers could see no prospect of ever selling it all.

During those years elevators on the Great Lakes, the country elevators that dot the three prairie provinces and storehouses on farms were packed so they couldn't hold another bushel. Abandoned schoolhouses, old barns and outhouses were crammed and still there was an overflow that couldn't be housed and had to be covered with canvas on the open prairie.

Now there is not enough wheat available in the chief exporting countries to meet Europe's requirements for the first six months of this year. Export of half a billion bushels last year has left Canada with only about 75,000,000 bushels in country and lakehead elevators. In 1943 the carryover was 586,000,000 bushels.

Canada holds the key to the British and European supply situation. Australia is out of the picture because of a crop failure and, in fact, countries previously supplied by Australia are asking Canada for wheat, which probably won't be available for them. Argentina has only a relatively small wheat surplus and ocean shipping is a handicap. The United States has little surplus to export. Canada has stood in the fortunate position of having had ample supplies and the shipping facilities to move it rapidly and in quantity to where it was most needed.

Now that situation has changed to some extent and Canada is scraping the bottom of the bin. The immediate answer to the problem is the movement of grain from farm storage and increased exports of oats, barley, rye and corn. Canada has already made 5,000,000 bushels of oats available for human consumption in Europe and more will go.

For the next two or three years at least Canada will have little trouble disposing of its wheat crop. This means much to a country where good wheat production and sales and good business conditions go hand-in-hand.

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GOVERNMENTS IN BUSINESS——

(The Times-Review, Fort Erie)

THE CASE of Pan-American Air Lines and the British Government is as good an example as can be obtained as to what is going to happen, if the present tendency continues for Governments to get into business in the international field.

When a Provincial Government decides to operate a power plant, no one outside of that Province is interested, except that, as Professor McDougall pointed out to the Senate Committee the Dominion Treasury loses $100 million to $125 million a year by businesses owned by Governments not paying Dominion tax.

When the Dominion Government operates a railway, that is something which concerns only Canadians. If the people of this country decide to spend more money each year, to have a railway system run by the Government, than they would have to spend if it were run by a private corporation, that is strictly the business of the Canadian people.

On the other hand, when a Government goes into international business, there is going to be plenty of room for argument between people in one country and people in another.

Pan-American Air Lines decided to cut fares on the Trans-Atlantic run, so low that the British Government, which owns its own air lines, felt that the competition would be unfair. The British Government therefore reduced the number of flights which Pan-American might make to Britain. An ordinary struggle between two corporations for business, ending in a rate war, is something with which the world is quite familiar. In every such case, sooner or later, common sense has returned and rates have been fixed at a level set by reasonable competition between the various companies concerned.

A rate war between transportation enterprises owned by Governments is something which is bound to set up international bad feeling. Perhaps the Canadian people have failed to realize that this is the sort of thing to which the Canadian Government has committed us by its decision to have international aviation operated by the state.

On the whole, since Canada is not likely to make war on any country over price levels, this seems likely to end in the Canadian taxpayer taking the rap, as he is bound to do in connection with wheat, the sale of which is now a Government enterprise.

What happens is that the wheat farmer in that case, or the men who operate air lines in the other case, are going to demand that they have plenty to do, and fair pay. They are going to insist that their Government gets them their share of international business, also keeps prices down to a point at which Canadians can compete in world markets.

It might be a lot simpler to go back to the older system by which, whatever happened in domestic affairs, international business was allowed to be operated by private corporations, which could buy and sell as the market might seem to offer an opportunity, which could fix prices where competition seemed to set them, and which could, generally speaking, do all kinds of business without provoking an argument between Governments.

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SOME 45% of the members of the Royal Canadian Air Force say they desire further education and training as part, if not all, of their rehabilitation benefits.

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THE 1944-45 grain year saw a record of 524,000,000 bushels of Canadian grain funneled through Port Arthur and Fort William, marking the greatest movement of cereals in Canada's history.

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With 42,346 miles of tracks, Canadian railways were the chief conveyors of raw materials to war factories and finished products to seaboard ports, the United States and junction points. From 1939 to 1944, freight shipped by rail increased 83%.

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The value of food supplied by Canada to the British Ministry of Food under wartime contracts rose from $62,000,000 in 1940 to $277,000,000 in 1944 - an increase of over 300%.

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

If present plans mature the 60,000 Canadian troops still overseas, exclusive of the Occupation Forces, will be back in Canada at the end of February. That is news that will please everybody and particularly a few who have found the clock turning slowly since VE Day.

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To give some idea of the shape of things to come, it is now reported that the present steel strike, will curtail the production of corsets.

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General Charles de Gaulle apparently will not be President of France unless his policy is followed. It seems possible he may have given up in disgust.

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Commenting on two youths who slipped into a seat on a streetcar right in front of an old lady making her way to it, a Toronto gent says what they really needed for their seat was a darn good strapping, instead of a place to put it.

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Imagination has been stirred by the recent reports that radar contact has been made to the moon. The group of homeless veterans are no doubt wondering what the housing situation is like up there.

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Whether Kurt Meyer should have been hanged by his neck or sentenced to life imprisonment in Canada we do not know, but we do know that most of those making the biggest noise about the affair in Canada are no more intelligent concerning the right or wrong of the sentence than we are. And consequently they should shut up.

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We note Caledonia is going ahead with plans to instal a waterworks system and storm sewers at a cost of $150,000. On the basis of the Toronto T.T.C. plan, Government assistance would amount to $30,000. We hope Caledonia have not overlooked that point.

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On The Farm Front

— By Haldimand Harry —

Mr. J. R. Van Haarlem in speaking to a group of canning crop growers in Dunnville recently stated that the basis of successful farming is organic matter. Mr. Van Haarlem, who is soil specialist at the Vineland Experimental Station could have made the same statement to any group of Haldimand farmers and have been equally correct.

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Very truly, organic matter is the "life blood" of a soil and a soil is alive or dead depending on the quantity of organic matter it contains. Mr. Van Haarlem emphasized the fact that we in Haldimand county were robbing our farms by selling manure, since manure is one of the best sources of humus we have on our farms. The speaker went on to point out that fertilizer never could take the place of humus and cited the case of a grape plot where the application of fertilizer alone did not pay for the fertilizer in increased returns. However where organic matter was introduced the yields stepped up tremendously. The same holds true in ordinary farm crops.

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Final figures on the production of butter for December last and also for the year 1945 are now available. During December 79,901 lbs. were made as compared with 136,425 lbs. a year ago. This is a drop of almost one-half. On the basis of the year the production fas 2,310,769 lbs or about 75,000 lbs. more than in 1944.

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Haldimand farmers marketed 1277 hogs through inspected plants during November last. Of this number 684 or 53.56 per cent were in top grade. There were 520 in B grade most of which it is expected will be in B1. This is a very splendid achievement. No doubt there must be a number of farmers who are potential members of the 75 per cent club. The establishment of such a club is one job the Yorkshire Breeders' Club could undertake.

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A report has just come to our attention that not more than 50 to 60 per cent of our farmers follow a practice of balanced feeding for their hogs. Haldimand county has plenty of good breeding stock. It may be that poor feeding is the cause of our not having an even higher percentage of top grade. The time has long since passed when we can waste time and energy to say nothing of valuable feed by using unbalanced rations. In this day of efficiency it just cannot be done.

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Haldimand county has never boasted of its ability to grow potatoes but it was not until very recently that we saw how far down we were on the list. In a list of the counties and districts arranged according total acreage as given in the 1941 census, Haldimand stands 50th. Only Manitoulin and Haliburton were credited with lower acreages.

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How are those grain bins and hay mows holding up ? It might be a good idea to check them up again. A reminder of this was given by Prof. Knox of the O.A.C. in a recent radio broadcast. If there is any chance of running short, it would be well to order those extra feed supplies now and take delivery at once. This of course applies to grains. The Ontario yields were down some twenty-two million bushels last year and this will have to be offset by importations from the west Haldimand farmers would do well not to let themselves be caught short.

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Third Tuesday—W.M.S. 2.30 p.m.
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Fridays—Choir Practice, 8 p.m.
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11.00 A.M. — The Divine Service with Holy Communion.
Reapers with Christ. John 4:
12.30 P.M. — The Lutheran Hour over CKLW. Dr. Walter A. Maier, speaker.

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Squadron Leader Rev. John Cameron, Rector
— 4th Sunday After the Epiphany —
Nanticoke: Christ Church—
Service, Holy Communion 9.30 A.M.
Sunday School 11.15 A.M.
Jarvis: St. Paul's Church—
Service, Holy Communion 11 A.M.
Sunday School 10.30
Choir Practice Wednes. 4.30
Cheapside: St. John's Church—
Service, evening Prayer 2.30

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Knox, Jarvis—
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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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Stone Church Annual Meeting There was a larger attendance than usual at the annual meeting held in the Orange Hall on Thursday evening.

Rev. W. H. Fuller was in charge of the meeting which opened with Scripture reading and prayer. Good reports were given from all departments. The election of officers followed with the following appointed for 1946: Secretary, Lloyd Rutherford; Treasurer, Amos Swing; Missionary Treasurer, William Wilson; Sidney Managers, Wilfred Roth, Hugh Lint and Leslie Keen.

Discussion regarding the building a Sunday School room followed and a committee consisting of Rev. H. Fuller, Miss Minnie Shuter, Hugh Lint, Warren Keen, Wilfred Roth, Lloyd Rutherford, Amos Swing and Mrs. L. Keen, was appointed to investigate the matter. Auditors Murray Biggar and John McBurney. Murray Laidlaw was appointed caretaker for three months.

Sunday School Officers

Superintendent, to be appointed by session; Assistant, Stanley Lint; Secretary Treasurer, Orlff Allen; Assistant, William Laidlaw; Senior Bible Class Teacher, Rev. W. H. Fuller; Junior Bible Class Teacher, Mrs. L. Keen; Girls' Class, Mrs. Murney; Boy's Class, Stanley Lint

Primary Class, Mrs. Fleming; Pianist, Mrs. Walter Willis; Assistant, Miss Maxine Lint.

Mr. Walter Davis is somewhat improved following several week's illness.

Mrs. Stanley Slack of Hagersville, spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Davis.

Mrs. Amos Porter is able to be up and is recovering nicely from burns received sometime ago.

Pte. Gordon Matthews has returned from overseas and is spending sometime with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Matthews.

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Mrs. Guy Parkinson was in Toronto for the week end and visited her cousin, Mr. Jas. Easton who is quite ill in the hospital at present.

Mrs. Sid Graham was in Delhi on Friday evening.

Mr. Les. Baxter of Toronto called on Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Phibbs last week.

Mr. Clarence McKeen has returned to his home after treatment in St. Joseph's hospital, Hamilton.

Miss Stella Parkinson of Simcoe, spent the week end at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Smith were in Brantford Sunday visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Holmes called on Mr. and Mrs. Sid Graham recently Mr. Holmes has just returned from overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Atkinson were in Simcoe for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hunter of Oneida spent Monday with Mrs. J. A. Hunter.

Oscar Phillips had the misfortune to have his head badly cut with a hockey stick on Friday night while playing at Hagersville.

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Federation Facts . . . .

— By R. F. Abbott —

The farmers of Canada are looking with considerable apprehension into the future, feeling their position in the national economy is far from clear. They are urging the development of policies, nationally and internationally, that will achieve some measure of equity and security for the farming industry, and at the same time be a strong factor in helping to lay the foundation for an enduring peace. This in effect was the theme of the address presented by H. H. Hannam, President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture to the annual convention in London last week.

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Emphasizing the real unity and solidarity achieved amongst farming interests in Canada through the work of the Federation, Mr. Hannam pointed out that the first five years of organization was a period of unglamorous pioneering that succeeded in laying a firm foundation for future effort. The last five years of Federation activity events have proven that effective organization is worth striving to obtain. Through the efforts of the Federation Canadian farmers have obtained a voice in national affairs that formerly they did not and could not have; they have raised the status of their industry in the eyes of their fellow citizens and are on their way to becoming a power in the land.

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A year ago, Mr. Hannam said, the Federation had urged upon the Federal Cabinet the early announcement of a food and price policy which would chart a course in respect to price levels and balanced economic returns. That has not been done. Although things were still on a fairly even keel serious difficulties and upsets were not far off, unless adjustment policies were soon designed to provide a pattern of equality for agriculture on a peacetime basis.

Canadian farmers, through the Federation, accepted subsidies several years ago because they were persuaded that it was essential to the success of the price ceiling program, in turn a necessary part of total war. In doing so they placed the national welfare above their own economic interests though they thought it to be an unwise program. Now more than ever before they fear the move to have been a mistake for no satisfactory explanation has been given by the government as to how prices will be restored to a fair level in relation to articles purchased.

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Consumers do not generally realize that food costs would be much higher if farmers received their present returns wholly from the market place. They do not generally realize that without subsidies food would be more expensive; eight cents more per pound for butter, two cents more per loaf for bread, three cents or more per quart for milk, and so on down the line. Needless to say can cellation of subsidies would result in a lop-sided economy and under prevailing price structures so depress farm purchasing power as to make full industrial employment impossible.

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The Federation suggests as an overall policy, a floor price over a period of years for each commodity, to protect producers from serious loss, and above which the farmers price will be set by negotiation with producers and sufficiently flexible to meet market conditions. It would also permit price incentive for desirable crop adjustment.

That increased recognition is being given to the Federation as the voice of organized agriculture is indicated by the fact that the Federation maintains representation on eighteen government boards and advisory committees covering all phases of agricultural production and marketing. The President of the Federation is chairman of the national advisory committee to the Minister of Agriculture, and the Secretary of the Federation is secretary of this committee. In addition, the Federation has established a representative at the office of the War Assets Corporation for the purpose of advising officers of the corporation as to the disposal of equipment of value to farmers.

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URGES LIVING MEMORIALS

There is general agreement that "living memorials" should be erected by a grateful populace, rather than the cold pillars of rock and stone. There is much merit in the idea with a more utilitarian purpose. widespread movement for memor- —The Salmon Arm (B.C.) Observer

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