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HOME INTERESTS FIRST

THE HOME TOWN WEEKLY has a special job to do and it does it in a special way. Free from the pressure of the headlines which daily newspapers labor, the weekly staff can make a careful and thoughtful study of local problems and improvement possibilities. The result is a considered viewpoint stemming from deep interest in community betterment.

Recognition of the unique contribution the weekly newspaper makes to Canadian life was given recently in an address by Hon. George Drew to the 29th annual convention of the Niagara Weekly Newspapers Association in Niagara Falls, Ont.

"The weekly newspapers of this country have a splendid tradition of impartial and fair reporting," he told the 300 weekly newspaper editors from all parts of Canada. "Because they are so close to the people in their own communities, they have at all times maintained the highest principles of a free press."

"While vigorous in their advocacy of what they believe will benefit their own community and the nation as a whole, their advocacy and their criticism is measured by a restraint and fairness which in itself is the thing most likely to protect a free press in the exercise of its great public service."

That's the way every editor likes to think of his paper as he tries to make it the mirror and the record of community life.

He likes to feel, too, that each reader makes good use of his home town weekly in making the community better, that young people are encouraged to read about and appreciate the achievements of their own town, that citizens will write to the editor with suggestions for local improvements.

The weekly provides for its area a service no other newspaper can render. Its effectiveness often depends on its readers. In a good many cases, the interest and pride which citizens take in their home town paper is a yardstick by which to measure the spirit of the community.

A COSTLY FREE HEALTH SERVICE

By Lewis Milligan

THE FREE National Health Service in Britain is said to be the most popular of the reforms introduced by the Labor Government. That is not to be wondered at, for anything that is free is bound to be popular, and as health is of first importance, the Government has been credited with a great achievement for public welfare. But health services in Britain did not originate with the Labor Government; they have extended enormously in the last hundred years, and have been free to those who could not afford to pay for them. I lived half my life in England, and I can testify that there was more free medical service and hospitalization there than there has ever been in Canada.

Really all that the Labor Government has done is to make these services free to everybody whether they can afford them or not. That would be a wonderful thing if it were possible for a government to maintain it. But, unfortunately, it is not possible, as the Labor Government has discovered—apparently to its surprise, and certainly to its financial embarrassment. Evidently something was wrong with its calculation of the cost of the undertaking, or perhaps it would be kinder to attribute the failure of the scheme to a miscalculation of human nature. The fact is that the scheme has been too popular, even for Mr. Aneurin Bevan who originated it. He did not anticipate that so many people would be running to the doctor with every little ailment, and that the demand for free hospitalization, drugs, dentures, eyeglasses, wigs, corsets etc., would be so enormous.

All of those things cost real money—not to mention professional fees, salaries, hospital maintenance, and general administration—and since a government has no money, except what it receives from taxation, it has had to dig deeper into the people's pockets in order to pay for the "free" services. But Mr. Bevan has a novel theory of taxation. At a recent press conference he explained that the health services were not an addition to the total expenditure of the nation, but a gigantic transfer of expense from the private pocket to the public purse. That sounds quite reasonable in the abstract, but as "The Economist" (London) points out, "not only does it ignore the increase in demand that arises when services are no longer paid for directly by the individual, it ignores the total effect of all such transfers on the national finances."

Mr. Bevan is also quoted as saying, "The possibilities of taxation are infinite," by which he must mean that there is no limit to the amount of money a government could transfer from private pockets to the public treasury, and consequently no limit to the amount of services and goods which could be made free to everybody. But Mr. Bevan's colleagues in the Cabinet do not agree with him in that. They have decided that the National Health Service is too costly and have ordered that patients in future must pay for prescriptions. This, it is thought, will prevent much of the abuse of the service and relieve the congestion in surgeries, dentists' and optical parlors. In cases of real hard-

Pen, Scissors and Pastepot

We are inclined this week to devote this column to a "Card of Thanks" to our friend and neighbor Newt Marshall. The name "Pluto," incidentally, may be construed as a male name, which it is, but we never gave any thought to this when the morning she presented us with four lovable pups. There seemed little point then in changing the name. The other three pups are brightening the homes of local citizens. One is "Jennie Hagerman", another "Fritzy Frith", and the other "Tommy Jeffs". The one remaining on hand is plain "Pip".

THE INTIMATE GOVERNMENT

IT TAKES no great amount of intelligence to criticize "the government." Any day of the week you can find local street-corner prophets, the ones who know everything, holding forth to a small audience what they would have the government do if they could only make their voices heard.

In such cases, it's probable that these critics are referring to legislators in Ottawa and the provincial capitals who, they claim, are far out of touch with the Canadian people and their local affairs.

The town philosophers are looking at the picture with only one eye.

Control of this country's affairs was never the monopoly of eleven parliamentarians. A remarkably large share of public business has always been carried on by men and women who live and work within a few miles of your home.

They are the people who sit in the councils of rural and urban communities, on local school boards and various commissions.

Are they interested in the "neighborly" ideas about how local government should be run? They were never so interested in their lives.

Ever its local election time, in communities across the country. Present officials—and the opposing candidates—are only too anxious to know what the people want. The people must tell them—through letters to the council, discussions at election meetings, and the old stand-by—letters to the editor.

It is no time for useless, carping criticism. Instead, it is the duty of every qualified voter to learn who the candidates are and discover their stand on local issues. Then comes the voter's most important duty—to cast a thoughtful and intelligent ballot for the men and women of his choice.

What the successful candidates do affects us in a far more intimate way than what is done in the country's major parliaments. They control the levying and spending of taxes for schools, streets and roads, libraries and parks and a host of public services which are the life of the modern community.

An intelligent vote—and a large vote, too—is vital to the successful working of this most democratic of governments. But more than anything it's an affirmation that people want to keep the government what it is—local and democratic.

EXPORTS AND DOLLARS

THE WASHINGTON DOLLAR talks have pointed up Canada's importance as a market for manufactured goods. In fact, Trade Minister Howe said recently that the Dominion today is the greatest importer of manufactured goods in the world.

In the quest for dollars the Canadian market offers a challenge to British industrialists who are vying with United States exporters in a rapidly expanding field. British exports to Canada recently have paid for only a little more than a third of Britain's total spending in Canadian dollars.

It is axiomatic that Britain must export to live, but never before have her manufacturers met the competition that exists in this post-war drive for trade. Ordinary selling agents no longer are able to take the place of on-the-spot representatives, particularly in Canada.

On his return from the 1949 International Trade Fair in Toronto, Rt. Hon. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, told the British Institute of Export: "The Canadian buyer does not expect to buy—he expects to be sold to."

That statement sums up the Canadian situation in a nutshell. British exporters cannot expect the close association and traditional friendship of years to carry them through. Study of the Dominion's needs as a vast consumer market and contact with Canadian buyers on their home territory has become imperative.

In recent years British manufacturers of textiles, motor-cars, pottery and cutlery have shown marked enterprise and their efforts have paid off.

Now the British engineering industry is setting its sights on the Canadian market. Last year a mission headed by Sir Harry Gilpin toured the Dominion to find out ways and means of increasing exports.

The outcome of the mission's work is that the Attlee government will back a new venture by the industry without in any way controlling it. Appropriate sections of the United Kingdom engineering industry will supplement the work of agents and representatives by maintaining technical representatives in Canada. They will visit prospective customers to discuss immediate and long-term requirements and generally assess and report on the market for the equipment Britain is able to offer. The government will assist by lending money to finance the project.

Be calm in arguing; for fierceness makes Error a fault and truth discourtesy.

—George Herbert.

ANNUAL MEETING

Haldimand Cty. Federation of Agriculture
Rural Youth Centre - Kohler
WEDNESDAY, Dec. 7th - 1.30 P.M.

Guest Speakers—
MR. R. A. STEWART, Almonte, Ontario
Past President Ontario Federation of Agriculture
MRS. LELAND POUND, Ancaster, Ontario
Vice President Wentworth Cty. Federation of Agriculture
Women's Institutes, Junior Farmers, Farm Forums,
All Township Federation of Agriculture Members
are specially invited.

RUSSELL B. HARE, CHAS. WATSON,
President, Secretary Field Man

"Federation of Agriculture Activities Are Every Farmers Business"

We had hoped that we might write this card of thanks on our own behalf because after all, we loaned our neighbour the rifle that apparently brought down the deer that we thought we would get a steak at least, from when he returned from his hunting trip. But no! he apparently felt a closer attachment to "Pluto" and the "Pip". Evidently he just loves dogs.

We felt a little amazed and certainly let down to find "Pluto" and the "Pip" nonchalantly chewing on a choice roast, each, when we turned in for dinner on Monday. In fact we could almost smell the odour of roasting venison from the oven almost before we came near the kitchen. But it was an allusion. There was no odour of roasting venison, just "Pluto" and the "Pip" enjoying the raw steaks in the front yard. My how my neighbour must love dogs.

We thought surely he would be over before the supper hour with maybe just a little piece of the venison. But no! on our return home after the day's labour, we again found "Pluto" and the "Pip" licking the last remnants of a choice t-bone but there was no venison roasting in the oven.

We can appreciate the inborn love of animals that some men have, but after all, it can go too far. After all, we like "Pluto" and the "Pip" ourselves and there can be nothing about it they are going to suffer a severe digestive upset after consuming whole deer carcasses. And while right now they are extremely grateful to my thoughtful neighbour for leaving the roasts and steaks for them in his garage and want me to express their heartfelt appreciation, they just don't realize (innocent little rascals that they are) that they will have to pay up later for such high living.

Confronted with this possibility our (continued on page eight)

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FOTO-NITE THURSDAY
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"RAGGEDY MAN"

3 ACT COMEDY PLAY WILL BE PRESENTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE JARVIS WOMENS INSTITUTE

DECEMBER - 2 & 3

— IN THE —
Jarvis Town Hall
CURTAIN 8.15 P.M.

— CAST OF CHARACTERS —

NANCY (Raggedy Man) an Orphan	EILEEN DURANT
GRAM WITHERS (An Elderly Farmer)	JAMES LILLIE
AGATHA (His Daughter-in-law)	MARY MARR
FLORENCE (Her Younger Daughter)	MARGARET MURPHY
TILLY (The Maid at the Withers Home)	LAURA BRILL
CLEM SCROGGS (Richest Man in the Village)	GEORGE MILLER
WILLIAM SCROGGS (His Son)	EDGAR MURPHY
MRS. FINNIGAN (The Village Gossip)	ETHEL LEATHONG
TOMMY WYATT (A Young Farmer)	JACK COOKE
CONSTABLE CROTHERS (The Village Police Force)	BOB FRITH

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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Mr. and Mrs. Keith McBurney and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Rutherford spent several days last week in Toronto. Mr. Roy Laddlaw returned from a lengthy trip through Western Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Bertly Brown were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Herb Roberts in Onondia. Miss Helen Cain has secured employment in Lobiaw's store in Simcoe. Practice for the Christmas concert is being held each Saturday afternoon at 2 P.M. The attendance has been very good, considering the condition of the roads and weather. The Young People's Society are sponsoring the play "Raggedy Man" being presented by the Women's Institute in the Sunday School Hall here on Thursday night, December 8th. Due to this the Ladies Aid are holding their meeting at the home of Mrs. Amos Steing on Tuesday, December 6th. Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson of Burlington spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Fleming. Miss Annie Keen of Leamington, Ont. spent the week end with relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. R. Belbeck of Detroit spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McBurney.

NURSING RESERVE NOTICE
All members of the Jarvis Nursing Reserve are requested to attend a meeting at the home of Mrs. N. L. Marshall on Monday night, December 5th, at 8 P.M. Subject for discussion—"Community Hall."

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(In Technicolor)
— with —
CESAR ROMERO, RUDY VALLEE
(Adult Entertainment)
— ADDED FEATURE —
BETTY GRABLE, VICTOR MATURE
— in —
"I Wake Up Screaming"
— NEXT WEEK —
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY
December 8, 9, 10th
BRIAN DONLEVY, ROBERT PRESTON, WILLIAM BENDIX
— in —
"Wake Island"
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December 5, 6
"The Kissing Bandit"
— starring —
FRANK SINATRA, KATHRYN GRAYSON
(Technicolor)
WEDNES. and THURS.
December 7, 8
"Force of Evil"
(Adult Entertainment)
— starring —
JOHN GARFIELD, BEATRICE PEARSON

Proceedings of Parliament

— By Your Member —
In these articles I have been dealing in a general way with some of the happenings in the House of Commons and while history will record this Twenty-first Parliament as one in which such important legislation as abolition of appeals to the Privy Council and Amendments to the British North America Act have been enacted, many members of previous Parliaments state this has been a quiet session.
However, during the past week or ten days an entirely different atmosphere has entered into the picture in the discussions in the House. This situation has been created by the action of the Government in withholding the publication of the Commission Report.
All opposition parties are very critical of the Government in this regard and it is felt that there have been much better for the Government had this report been released. The average citizen appreciates openness in all branches of Government whether it be Municipal, Provincial or Federal.
A survey of the members indicating that the Liberals predominate with 45; Conservatives 20; Progressives 12; Socialists 20; newspapermen 9; teachers 6; manufacturers 4; accountants 4; insurance men 4; ministers 3; and etc. Of the five members of the age of 40 and over, Party who were elected, four are lawyers, two from Newfoundland and two from Quebec.
Perhaps the greatest authority on House procedure in the House of Commons is Mr. Stanley Knowles, a Member of the C.C.F. party from Winnipeg, North Dakota, a lawyer, born in Los Angeles, California, of Canadian parentage, came to Canada at the age of 12. He is well educated having his B.A. and B.D. His arguments with the Speaker of the House of Commons are an increasing variety to the debates on the floor of the House. In this connection Mr. Ross McDonald, the Speaker, has had a number of difficult rulings to make during the past two weeks and has proven he has the qualifications to fill the position very effectively and well.
The other two clerks in Parliament are first, Roy Pace with a United Church Minister who represented Port William, Ontario and at seventy years of age has a voice that is the strongest of any Member on the floor of the House. He is not backwater about telling the Opposition what is what when he thinks the need arises. He is a Liberal in politics and looks good for another ten years. The other Minister is Rev. George Haggell of the Social Credit Party who is also a very capable member, having represented the constituency of McLeod, Alberta for fourteen consecutive years. We haven't any member of this profession in the Conservative Party but hope this will be rectified after the next General Election.
The Prime Minister stated that he hopes by inaugurating his proposals along with afternoon and evening sittings included, Parliament will be able to proceed by December 3rd, however with the business still before the House, it looks as though it will be close to the 15th before the work on hand is completed.
In closing, may I say to you, that it is most difficult to properly describe the great sense of responsibility that is ours in giving representation to the thirteen and one-half million people in Canada. These are anxious days for our people. Our main purpose should be to associate ourselves with the other peace-loving nations in assisting to build a new world order. An order that will give us the sense of security which is the right of all free people. There is too great a tendency for us to drift with the majority in thought and action. Let us as Canadians spend less time guarding treasures from those who steal and spend more of our time guarding those things of value that no one can take from us.
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