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WHERE CREDIT IS DUE

OUR HATS ARE OFF to rural school teachers. These members of the profession merit more attention and praise than they usually get. They work under adverse conditions, and all too often are overlooked when the value of teachers is taken into account.

Ironically enough, more resourcefulness and versatility are required of the country school teacher than of the teacher in a graded city school. Rural areas provide a rigorous testing ground for the tyro. Isolated, farm life can bring out the best, or the worst, and a period of experience in the country will establish or disillusion the young beginner.

Not all teachers have had the experience of coping with forty pupils in mixed grades. Some, because of more extensive training, begin their work in the more specialized, graded city schools. The instructor who has not been able to gain a university education is usually given an initial proving period in rural communities.

But not all country school teachers are of mediocre ability, nor are all city teachers the ultimate in educational attainment.

Rural school pupils consequently are not always taught by top-flight teachers. Environment, limited social life, and often meagre salaries cannot compete with city teaching conditions. The advantages are not all with the city pupil, however. It is well known that many distinguished Canadians have started their upward climb in a country school.

Perhaps the answer is to make rural teaching conditions more attractive, and thereby to capitalize on the greater challenge that rural schools offer, and the greater degree of initiative demanded in one-room schools.

Rural teachers are to be commended for the first-rate job they are doing in spite of poor accommodation in some areas. It would be to the credit of parents if more of them regarded the welfare of the teacher as a matter of privilege and duty. Showing appreciation reaps a double reward. It gives teachers a greater incentive to do a better job, and it gives children an opportunity to benefit from that better job.

THE NEW SOVIET MAN

— By Lewis Milligan —

A NEW TYPE OF MAN has emerged in the Soviet Union, a man with a spiritual character, the patriot of the socialist motherland. So says S. Kovalov in an article in the Bolshevik, entitled "Overcoming the Survivals of Capitalism in the Minds of the People." The title is significant and the contents of the article are revealing. Evidently, the "new type of man" is not emerging in large numbers, and varied in type as those of other countries. Mr. Kovalov admits that the "survivals of bourgeois ideology amount to dangerous proportions" He cites the following examples:

"Squandering and pilfering of public lands in the collective farms."

"Nonfulfillment of output quotas, in poor quality work, in output of inferior quality."

"There are still officials in industry and agriculture who do not wish to translate into reality the socialist principle of the remuneration of labor, and who practise petty bourgeois levelling of wages."

"There are still to be found in collective farms those who care nothing for the interests of collective farms."

"There are still administrators in economic organizations and Soviet institutions who are inclined to manifest generosity at the expense of the state, conferring illegal bonuses or swelling the staff."

The list of delinquents gets worse as Mr. Kovalov proceeds. He deplores "instances of petty bourgeois dissoluteness, and anti-Soviet attitudes toward women and old people, and forgetfulness of one's duty in the rearing of children. Not yet eliminated are rudeness, drunkenness, ruffianly conduct and similar instances of behavior inherited from the old regime."

"The bureaucracy," says Mr. Kovalov, "is concerned not for the interests of the state but for his personal prestige; this is why he breeds around himself flatterers, careerists and suppressors of self-criticism...practices an arrogant, lordly-neglectful attitude toward the working people and their requirements." It never seems to occur to Mr. Kovalov that the Soviet System might be responsible for the emergence of these arrogant bureaucrats. To him they are "survivals" — the old Adam creeping-up in the New Soviet Man.

Mr. Kovalov blames some of the difficulty in producing the New Soviet Man on the "survival of religion in the minds of backward people." But that aspect of the problem is dealt with more fully in an article entitled "Religious Sects and Other Survivals," by V. G. Sokolov, which appeared in Science and Life, another Soviet journal. Referring to the Evangelical Baptist Christians, a sect which seems to have a large following in Russia, Mr. Sokolov says:

"Their anti-scientific reactionary ideology prevents the believers from loving their motherland undividedly, and from actively taking part in the struggle for the triumph of Communism." "Soviet man," says Mr. Sokolov, "has just one, ardently beloved motherland — the Union of the Soviet Republics, the standard-bearer of the bright new world of Communism." But the leaders of this sect, we are told, "instill in the minds of their followers that they have two motherlands, one of them a 'heavenly home' and the other a home on the earth, and that their main thoughts should be directed first to the 'heavenly home.' Although the slogan of the Soviet people is 'Forward to Communism!' these Baptist Christians have as their main slogan, 'Brothers and Sisters! Boldly Forward, to Eternal Canaan!'" By way of explanation, Mr. Sokolov adds: "Eternal Canaan" is the afterlife.

The Soviet Man is thus a creature who, according to Mr. Sokolov, has no time or use for religion. And yet Communism itself is a form of religion that sets up the Soviet State as an object of worship, and instills into its believers the thought of a future heavenly home on this earth — "The bright new world of Communism." Mr. Sokolov himself believes in an afterlife, but it is a life the Soviet Man can never enjoy, unless he believes in the transmigration of souls, and that he will return to his motherland when Mr. Stalin or his successors have completed their five-year-plans and achieved the "World Revolution."

COURTESY

COURTESY is the one medium of exchange which is accepted at par by the best people of every country on the globe. It is sentiment, cloaked in reasonable and business like expression. It is the embellishment which adds tone and harmony to matter-of-fact routine. It is the oil which lubricates the machinery of commercial goodfellowship, and promotes the smooth running of the many units of an organization.

Courtesy radiates a spirit of good feeling which assures us that we are not working entirely for what we get out of work in a material way, but for the pleasure of polite transaction and friendly association as well. Life is not too short, and we are never too busy to be courteous. No man is too big to be courteous, but some are too little.

SLEEPING SHAREHOLDERS

— By Joseph Lister Rutledge —

IT IS A SAD FACT that once the public has accepted the existence of a deficit in any government undertaking, it quickly grows used to the idea and brushes it off without any effort to see just how extensive that deficit may be.

For instance, it was widely reported that the C.B.C. deficit for 1949-50, despite its preferred position, had touched the considerable sum of \$247,488 without venturing into the considerable outlays that are now being considered. But we certainly don't get very excited over government figures that are under the million mark, even when they are red figures. So, perhaps, we reflected that it might have been worse, as we had rather confidently expected.

If we had probed a little deeper we might have begun to question if that really was the total. It might have surprised us that this so-called deficit was only a part of what our radio experiment had cost us. This was just an operating deficit. Hiding behind it was another deficit that really should have been counted for collecting the \$2.50 annual fee from some 2,057,000 citizen owners of radio sets.

One understands the difficulties of collecting fees from widely scattered sources often representing very reluctant contributors who can't quite see why a government broadcasting commission must be supported by fees when private stations will supply entertainment free. However that may be, the \$67,381 item disappeared probably into that convenient catchall, the general fund of Canada.

But we have a suspicion that it oughtn't to be buried, that the public should be aware that in addition to the announced deficit of almost a quarter of a million dollars there was another item of outgo not far short of three times as much. In almost any other business undertaking it would have appeared as an added deficit. But other business undertakings haven't a convenient catch-all for such items. More than that they have curious stockholders who are usually anxious to know what happened to all the money that is taken in.

As stockholders in Canada it might be wise for us to ask what we would ask of a commercial venture. What is it costing us? And, with the usual stockholder's curiosity, we should require that all the figures appear, represented very reluctantly by the government. We are asking the citizens to accept the blame for their own shortcomings. After all, most undertakings are just as sound and progressive as the stockholders demand that they shall be.

MAN OR MULE?

"IF MEN are not creatures of soul as well as of body, they are no better than the field mule, harnessed to the plow, whipped and goaded to work, cared for in the measure of his cost and value. But too often, today, we incline to describe the ultimate in human welfare as a mule's sort of heaven — a tight roof overhead, plenty of food, a minimum of work and no worries or responsibilities."

"If I doubted that man is something more than a mere educated animal I should personally be little concerned in the question of war or peace."

— General Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Pen, Scissors and Paste

We hardly know what is going on this week and won't know until we read the paper. So it is pretty hard to keep up to current events if this column is going to make the "lumpy" machine before deadline.

We couldn't let an event like the Hunter's Banquet last Saturday night go by without some comment. There were two things that came out of that banquet that were unusual. One was that Bob Smith qualified himself as a culinary expert, and raved with "Oscar" of the Waldorf. The second is that producer scaled to new heights despite that there is no truth in the report he is thinking of forming a partnership with Billy Rose. Between the two of them, however, about twenty-five alleged hunters, including the game warden, enjoyed one of the best outings anyone could hope to attend.

That was a nice bit. Bruce Murdoch wrote about Jarvis in the Hamilton Spec. last Saturday. Bruce has been on the news beat a long time and he has a faculty for putting together such articles in a most interesting fashion. As a columnist, he doesn't do bad either. We haven't heard one of those photographs of a special article copy that the picture didn't do them just like.

Hugh Templin, of The Purgan News-Record was in town not too long ago about Toronto which caused the Star to reply editorially. Hugh complained and wondered how anyone in their right mind could live in the big city. We would think anyone would wonder. We were in Toronto on Tuesday and we could, with qualification, report that we went down there to find a parking place. We could also report, with accuracy, that we didn't find one.

How do celebrities endure the many dull functions they are obliged to attend? Well, one individual, at least, has a very satisfactory method of coping with this trying situation, and that is Albert Einstein. He should be a model for us in his teaching duties at Princeton, he was present at a particularly boring academic meeting. A fellow guest who was enduring the dull proceedings with great difficulty, remarked to the great scientist, "I'm afraid you are terribly bored, Professor Einstein."

"Oh no," replied the Professor pleasantly, "on occasions like this I retire to the back of my mind, and there I am happy."

This Week -

Specialty Written for the Record
By Harry Eckles
Canadian Press Staff Writer

Premier Frost told the Ontario legislature this week he wants to see the plan for universal old age pensions in effect by next January 1st. This may necessitate a special session of the legislature later in the year.

The federal and provincial governments first must agree on a constitutional amendment to give the federal government the power to legislate on old age pensions. The plan is for the federal government to pass the law, and the provinces to administer it. The plan is for the federal government to pass the law, and the provinces to administer it.

The chamber at Queen's Park continued the throne speech debate this week. One of the ministers who followed Premier Frost in the debate was Reform Minister Foote, a Victoria Cross winner at Dieppe and former vice-chairman of the Ontario liquor control board. He defended the government's liquor control policies and criticized those who demanded temperance legislation.

Mr. Foote said alcoholism needed medical attention and scientific research into their problems. For other drinkers he proposed an educational program, stricter traffic laws and scientific tests for suspended drunk drivers.

CANCER PROGRAM
An official of the federal health department at Ottawa had praise for the announcement by Premier Frost last week that a \$2,000,000 cancer clinic will be established in Toronto with a chain of diagnosis and treatment centres throughout Ontario.

The federal health department is "most happy" to see Ontario going ahead with this program, said a federal official. "If Ontario wants to spend \$2,000,000 on approved cancer research, we can spend dollar for dollar with them," he said. The cancer grant is known as a "match" grant in Canada's health program.

In announcing the plan to the legislature, Premier Frost had called it "Ontario's declaration of war on cancer."

URGES CHANGE
The current issue of the Rural Co-Operator published at Toronto, campaigns against the traditional sequence of toasts at banquets. The editor wrote that the system of having a toast to the king and to the U.S. President, with national anthems, but no similar honor to the Canadian Prime Minister or governor-general, is becoming "a bad habit."

He suggested that strangers at Canadian banquets might wonder a

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

ERIE

Miss Frances Campbell is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Laidlaw have returned from a vacation spent in Chicago and other American points.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kohl were in St. Thomas last Wednesday.

Mrs. Earl Mackey and baby daughter have returned to their home from the Mount Hamilton Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. William Laidlaw have returned from a pleasant vacation spent in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Kohl and family have moved to the farm of Mrs. home.

On Saturday night members of the local family met at the home of Mr. Gerald Kohl and gave Mrs. Kohl a surprise birthday party.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Honeyman and Billie spent last week visiting friends in St. Catharines and Toronto.

Mrs. Cora McKenzie stayed with Mrs. McGill at the Honeyman home.

The Stone Church Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. William Campbell on Thursday afternoon.

Fourteen ladies in attendance. The afternoon was spent quilting.

The President opened the business period with prayer after which Mrs. William Wilson gave a splendid report of the Hamilton Presbytery meeting which she attended as our delegate.

It was decided to co-operate with the young people in the Pancake supper they were planning.

Mrs. Fleming was appointed our representative to the Manse Committee in Jarvis.

The thirteenth annual refreshments at the home of the meeting.

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NEWS & SHORT

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