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OLD AGE PENSIONS AND INFLATION

A SUBSCRIBER inquiring about the proposed pension of \$400 a month to everybody at age 70 years, poses the following question:

"Now supposing that a large number of persons in that age group are already so well-to-do that they are paying taxes on their incomes, what financial benefit would this extra \$400 a month be to them? Would it not all go back to the government treasury in taxes?"

The answer is No, only a fraction of it would go back to the treasury.

I have before me a copy of Form T-1, Short 1950, which is the form most of us use in reporting our incomes.

On page 4 of this form is a table showing the tax rates payable on all the different incomes. This table says that a person with a taxable income of \$4,000 or more, but less than \$6,000, shall pay \$700 plus 22 per cent of all income in excess of \$4,000.

Take the case of a married man and his wife, both over 70 years of age, and having a taxable income of exactly \$4,000.

The table shows that their tax would be exactly \$700.

Under the proposed pension law, this man and his wife would each be entitled to a pension of \$400 a month, or a total of \$800 a year.

This man's taxable income would now be increased by \$800; and his taxes would be increased by 22% of \$800, or \$176.

He and his wife would still have \$722.40—\$211.20 or \$748.80 of their pension money to do what they liked with.

This paper believes that the government could make better use of that \$748.80 than giving it to an elderly couple who are already paying \$3,300 a year to live on after paying their taxes and all their church and charitable contributions.

How can any government expect the people to co-operate with it in fighting inflation if it is going to hand out spending money like that?

—"The Rural Scene"

CABBAGES AND STARS

— By Lewis Milligan —

THERE WAS MORE TRUTH than nonsense in Lewis Carroll's linking up of cabbages with kings, but it is utter nonsense to suggest that there is any relationship between the price of cabbages and the stellar universe. Addressing the annual convention of the Ontario Fruit and Vegetable Growers at Toronto, Prof. McDougall, of Queen's University, said: "Remember that the fair selling value of a cabbage isn't written in the stars. It has to be decided by some man or men." The professor was referring to a resolution which called for wage and price controls, and he asked the farmers how well they were equipped to "enter into the hurly-burly with other

groups in getting a fair price for their products."

He pointed out that there are five paid workers drawing wages and salaries outside of agriculture for every one farm operator, and although food amounts to only 33 per cent of the total cost of living index, the prices of food products have an exaggerated effect upon the thinking of those paid workers. We hear little or no complaint about the high prices of non-essential goods, luxuries and entertainment, but the moment the price of cabbages and other farm products go up there is a demand that the government do something about it. But who is it that sets the prices of cabbages?

Prof. McDougall quoted official figures which showed the upward movement of wage rates, wholesale prices, and the urban cost of living from 1939 to 1950. During that period wages led all the way up, first in increased wages for the manufacturing sector, and finally to increased cost of living as the goods reached the consumer. He denied the assertion of trade unionists that wages were a very small part of the total cost of production, and he gave figures to show that they are the largest single claim on the national income. The total national income of \$12,917,000,000 for 1949 was distributed as follows: Salaries, wages, etc. 60.37%; Investment income, including corporate income and excess profits taxes 5.51 per cent; Income of unincorporated business 10.28%; Income of unincorporated individuals 12.85%.

The farmers of Canada they are not getting a fair share of the national income, and they want government controls. Prof. McDougall reminded them of the effects of the control system during the war. "You know," he said, "that wages as well as prices were supposed to be frozen at 1941. Do you realize that there was actually a greater increase in the index of wages between 1941-3 than between 1939 and 1941 when it was not? The index moved 13.8 points in the first period, 21.7 points in the second two-year period, and kept on moving upward through 1944 and 1945. In other words, there wasn't really a wage freeze at all; there was merely a very imperfect retardation of the rate of interest."

At the same time, food and other commodities were fixed; but they had to be supported by government subsidies and bonuses, which had to be paid for in higher taxes. A fresh illustration of this is contained in a London news dispatch, dated February 15, which reads: "The Labor Government's 'cheap food' policy cost taxpayers about \$1,894,400,000 in 1949-50, auditor general Sir Frank Tribe reported today." In all its controlling, there is one thing the government cannot control, and that is taxes.

Prof. McDougall told the farmers that what they, in common with many others, were suffering from was the inflation of currency. "The Cabinet," he said, "stands pledged to the maintenance of full employment. Trade union leaders have pledged to a continually rising income for its members. The result is an utterly tight race between the two, the trade unions pushing money wages up as fast as the government can push money into circulation in order to prevent the unemployment which would be the normal consequence of the union wage policy. In the long run this is destructive in its effects upon everyone, even the trade union members who have managed to keep wages rising faster than prices."

QUOTE FROM YESTERDAY

Sorrow leaves its good;
It teaches us to know our friends. —Balzac

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Attempt the end, and never stand to doubt;
Nothing's so hard, but search will find it out. —Robert Herrick

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Said Satan to Stalin, my friend,
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Just 'as I then he foolish until
We jump in.
Let them scatter their forces and
Sunder their resources.

While we plot and grin.
The above is taken from a pamphlet written by Walter Griffin, F.R.S. and is the first four lines of the opening paragraph. It sounds a little as though he has been keeping a pretty accurate score on world events and when we get time we are going to read the rest of it.

George Doucet, Ontario Minister of Highways has spent a considerable sum of the taxpayer's money in advertising designed to reduce highway traffic accidents in the past few years. Possibly some people think he has been wasting his time and squandering their money. But the Minister of Highways is not a fool. He knows that the traffic death rate (per 100,000 miles of travel) was 14.7 in 1949. This was reduced to 8.8. We think George would be wise to continue buying space in the newspapers.

Up in Norfolk County there is a movement on foot to discontinue the Tobacco Marketing Board. We recall about ten years ago, reading the same very fine editorial in the Simcoe Reformer defending the Board, when a similar agitation took place. This week the Editor of the Reformer will look forward to future editing with anticipation. There is nothing quite so interesting as the efforts of an editor crusading for a cause he thinks right.

John Atkins, Publisher of "The Rural Scene" reports a rumour that at the next Dominion-Provincial conference a plan will be considered to attach money to the people's noses, and taxing them for the air they breathe.

Canadians were very greatly concerned about the Railways when the employees went on strike. Some even went so far as to gravely consider the rights of the demand for a forty-hour week. After the train started to run again, it was forgotten about. Now that the Railways have been directed to establish the 40-hour week it will be interesting to know what extent the forty-hour week is actually in effect, and to what extent longer hours are being worked, but at overtime rates. We would also like to know what the overtime rates have on the ability of the workers to finish their day's work in the allotted time.

There is always time to do the things we want to do. But it is a matter of how we do them. When we perform our best we are completely in sympathy with the action. There is a growing belief that our sympathies are going for too many things these days, and possibly, with some justification. In sympathy, we are asked to keep steadily cutting with a knife that grows steadily duller. The trend of present day living is, without doubt, a confusing business, and if we appear to get off the track at times, it may be there is some justification for it.

FAMILY FARM AGREEMENTS AND A COUNTY LIBRARY

These are the topics for Federation and Farm Forum Day of Haldimand's 1951 Farmers' Week, and they are most important links in the chain of this year's slogan "Progressive Farming." Dr. Norman H. High, Associate Professor of Economics, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, will be the speaker on the first of these topics. Dr. High whom many Haldimand people know as Norman High was for some time your Federation of Agriculture Fieldman and Secretary, and is well qualified to discuss this most important subject with the farmers of our County.

The subject of a Haldimand County Library is the result of a study being carried on by the Women's Committee of the Federation of Agriculture. Considerable information has been secured in this regard and the talk by the Director of Public Libraries for the Ontario Department of Education, Mr. Angus Mowat, should be most educational and interesting. A County Library is actually a co-operative library based on the desire of present library boards to assist each other and expand their services to schools and communities not having libraries. The committee has informed all library boards of their study and have especially invited them to attend our meeting to hear Mr. Mowat. The Women's Institutes have also been

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News of the Countryside

From The Record's Correspondents

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Mrs. James Rutherford is confined to her home through illness. Mr. George Waterhouse and Marion of Hamilton, were Sunday guests at the home of Mrs. Leslie Keen.

Mrs. Murray Laidlaw left on Saturday for Kingston where he expects to be employed for several weeks. Miss Norma Reynolds of Hagersville, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Earl Mackay.

Mrs. and Mrs. James Ward and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ward of Simcoe spent Sunday at the Kohl home here.

CHEAPSIDE UNITED CHURCH W.M.S. MEETING

The W.M.S. of Cheapside United Church met at the home of Mrs. Chas. Sheppard on Tuesday afternoon, February 13th for their regular monthly meeting, with an attendance of twelve.

The meeting opened with the President, Mrs. Austin Pond in the chair. Mrs. Knox gave the call to worship, the theme being "His Silent Presence". The 23rd Psalm was repeated in unison and hymn No. 286 sung.

Mrs. Andrew Lofthouse dedicated the word love. The minutes were adopted as read. An invitation to visit Hagersville W.M.S. birthday meeting was accepted.

A special collection was taken to pay shipping charges on parcels going to Europe. The chapter from the study book "The United Church Re-enters Japan Through Education" was presented by Mrs. Arvil Nis with Mrs. Harold Evans, Mrs. Walter Hill, Mrs. Craig Werner, and Mrs. Ivan Lofthouse assisting her with a short play.

The meeting closed by Mrs. Austin Pond reading Kagan's appeal to St. Paul's prayer, hymn No. 262 was sung and the Benediction repeated in unison. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the hostess for her kind hospitality.

Irwin H. Butts has taken over the lease on the Imperial Oil Service Station in Jarvis.

The station has been operated for the past four and a half years by Norman Graham. Early last year he formed a partnership with Mr. Butts and last week severed his connection with the business entirely.

Mr. Butts has been a resident of Jarvis for many years. He served with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps in the last war and was overseas from February 1941 until June 1945. On his return he was employed with Butts Bakery, Jarvis, later with Canada Bread Co.

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WEDNESDAY
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JOHN PAYNE,
HOWARD DA SILVA
— in —

"TRIPOLI"
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• ADDED FEATURE •
"Cassino To Korea"

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Quentin Reynolds

• NEXT WEEK •
THURSDAY, FRIDAY,
SATURDAY
March 8, 9, 10th

EVELYN ANKERS,
JAMES ELLISON,
RUTH WHITNEY
— in —

"Texan Meets
Caiaimty Jane"
(in Cinecolor)

• ADDED FEATURE •
LARRY PARKS,
BARBARA HALE,
UNA MEEKEL
— in —

"Emergency
Wedding"

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