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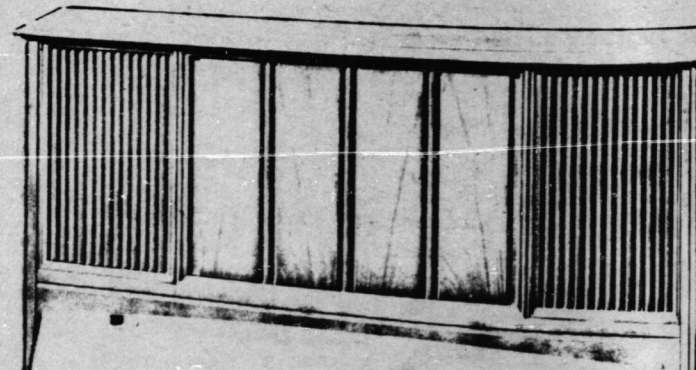
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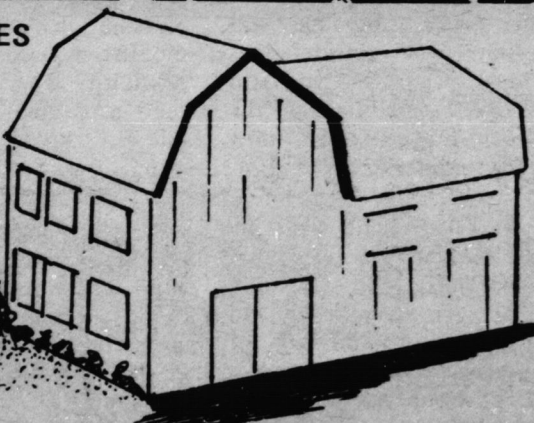
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### Editorial Comment:

#### Councillor Needed

Jarvis has found itself in the no too unusual term of a duly elected council member who resigned into resignation. While it is not unusual for a municipality to find in such a position, the point is that in Jarvis there are presently not a great many persons who wish to fill an unexpired term. Council, meeting Tuesday night, appeared a little bit to think no one in Jarvis appears willing to take on the job. Both Reeve William Austin and Councillor Davidson said they have approached persons they might take on the job, but in all cases ran into a reluctance of persons willing to serve. While the job of council member is an onerous one, putting anyone who wishes to stand on council to define his opinions on the many subjects that pertain a municipality and exposing himself to public criticism, it should be considered a challenge for anyone in the village to fill this gap. For those who are in agreement with council's decisions, or for those who disagree with the way the village is being managed, now is the time to come forward and place your name as a potential candidate. It is no electioneering necessary in this instance and an honest desire to serve the best interests of Jarvis is necessary. Council would like to have a businessman come forward to serve and this would be a good opportunity for the business community of the village to have a say in the municipality's business.

#### Old Tradition Dies

Another tradition among members of Canada's armed forces has been thrown over the side - the daily issue of grog. The department of defence has announced that the custom - going back in the Royal Canadian Mounted Police for at least 300 years - will end next March 31.

While the details have not been worked out, the regulations will still have alcohol - spirits, wine and beer. The trend started with Britain's Royal Navy, which in 1800 did away with the grog ration to be replaced by their Lordships of the Admiralty called "more palatable alcoholic beverages."

Many an old matelot who was in the wartime Canadian navy when it held 47 per cent of the responsibility for protecting convoys between America and Britain is likely to snort: "More palatable beverages and accompany it with a sea-going epithet."

It was grog - rum diluted with two parts of water that warmed a seaman's insides and his courage too in the waste of waters that in wartime was known as the North Atlantic, or on the enemy-infested frigid waters of Murmansk.

Not that grog lacked its detractors even in wartime. Some officers complained that the diluted rum made a man sleepy when he went aloft to watch from the masthead after downing his tot. Confirmed petty officers and the like were privileged to take their tot now instead of downing it on deck in the presence of an officer, as did men dressed as seamen. There were also those about petty officers pouring the tots into bottles to sell the saved-up rum ashore for a good price in the days of liquor rationing.

For centuries the grog ration was known as Nelson's Blood. This probably came from the story that Lord Nelson was killed at the battle of Trafalger, his body was preserved in a puncheon of rum for the long sea-bound voyage and burial in England. But, as the years go by, the rum had mysteriously disappeared when the British Victory touched at Portsmouth.

The tradition will die hard among some of the older men. But the blow will probably be softened by the fact that there is no longer a Canadian navy. Now it's called the Maritime Command of the Canadian Armed Forces.

### Counter Clockwise

20 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 13, 1951

If Irwin Butts, Jarvis, wasn't the happiest fellow in the world at 10:42 p.m. last Saturday night, it was because he immediately lost consciousness when his

#### Enrol Brownies

A special Brownie ceremony was held Dec. 6 at the Jarvis Presbyterian Church hall.

Girls who were formerly called Tweenies had passed the required tests necessary to become a Brownie and were now ready for enrolment.

Girls making their Brownie promise to do their duty to God, the Queen and country, and to help others every day, were Sheila Austin, Jane Church, Susan De La Fosse, Laurie Ann Falls, Cathy Featherstone, Darlene Feeney, Tricia Miller, Louise Mitchell, Jacqueline Singelton and Lorraine Williamson.

Brown Owl, Mrs. Ivan Church was assisted by Tawny Owl, Mrs. Howard Nigh and Snowy Owl, Mrs. Leonard Reu.

Three interest badges were presented: Housekeeper to Kim Gifford; Writers to Debbie McBride; and Cook's badge to Peggy Reu.

Brownies who received their third year star included Donna Marie Church, Sandy Featherstone, Patty Fess, Marie McElhinney, Tracy Miller, Peggy Reu, Dianne Steen and Sharon Willis.

Patty Fess, Debbie McBride and Marie McElhinney served tea to Mrs. John Brintnell, Commissioner for Hagersville District and the mothers present. These girls are working on their Golden Hand badge, a badge which incorporates such things as simple first aid, nature, semaphore, hand craft and the carrying of messages.

name was drawn as winner of the new Chevrolet car given away by the Jarvis Lions Club at the annual Turkey Jamboree in the Jarvis Arena.

County Warden Ross Fleming was honored by fellow members of the County Council and County officials on Tuesday night when he was presented with a gold watch in recognition of his services to the County as Chief Magistrate during the past year.

"This is a happy climax," said Warden Fleming, "to 17 years in municipal life. After having served 10 years on the Oneida Township Council and seven years as Reeve, I can assure you I will miss the friendship and good fellowship with the members of the Council with whom I have been associated."

The Jarvis Town Hall was packed beyond capacity for the annual meeting of the Jarvis Local of the Ontario Manufactured Milk Producers Association on Friday night.

The President, Earl Stallwood, presided for the meeting that included a moving picture, several speeches, a draw, a bounteous lunch and a dance.

For the election of officers, Mr. Stallwood was re-elected president and Alfred Marr, vice-president. Directors for the ensuing year are: Albert Pettit, Victor Otterman, Ross Dossier, Hubert Hare and Russell Pond. The secretary-treasurer is Alfred Walker.

30 YEARS AGO  
Dec. 11, 1941

Jarvis Bombing and Gunnery School suffered its worst casualty on Tuesday since the school opened in 1939. A Flying Officer and two Airmen were hurtled to their death when their ship collided with another Fairey Battle Bomber in mid-air a few miles east of Port. The

other ship involved, past five years and during although in a damaged condition was able to proceed back to its base and effect a safe landing.

Eddie O'Donnell, son of Mrs. Mary O'Donnell left on Monday morning to report for duty with the Royal Canadian Navy. Eddie has been employed with the Simcoe Reformer for the Christmas shopping in Canada this year is taking place under the tight halter of price control. Merchants cannot charge as they please for goods. Price tags have been held back by law since December 1 to Fall levels.

### THE WEEKLIES SAY...

#### DESTROY INDUSTRY

Once again the Canadian Air Transport Committee has issued edicts which appear designed solely for the purpose of destroying the northern aviation industry and placing increased hardships on the northern population. —Yellowknife (N.W.T.) News of the North

#### GOVERNMENT REACTS

The present (federal) government has shown a distressing habit of reacting to conditions rather than on acting in time to head them off. —Swift Current (Sask.) Sun

#### EASY TO BLAME U.S.

We have an element in this country always ready to test anything American, and to blame the U.S. for most of our own economic and social ills. After all it is easier to blame American ownership and capital for our economic ills than it would be to invest some of our own money and brains to create our own industry. We seem to feel we have a right to interfere in U.S. internal policy, but how we scream in anguish if the U.S. so much as raises an eyebrow at anything we may do. —Stanstead (Que.) Journal

#### VIOLENCE DAILY FARE

It is a matter of statistical record that out of 10 dramatic sequences in television designed for children, three are openly violent. In addition 71 per cent of children's programs have at least one violent scene, many of them involving the use of weapons. Even more startling is the fact that little or no serious damage ever results. The violence is part of the game. It is condoned and becomes an acceptable problem solver. Is it any wonder then that it spills over into the nation's behavior patterns in our streets and parks and even our home? Are we bringing up a generation of insensitive, brutalized human beings to whom violence on TV and in the world at large are much the same? —Stanstead (Que.) Journal

#### SOME RED FACES

Some Canadian faces must be red in embarrassment since they predicted tidal waves, radioactive damage and air pollution when Americans wanted to test a big bomb on their own territory. Canadians would not listen to reason. They were assured that all safety precautions were taken. No sir, Canadians listened to the screwball, the oddball and the loud mouth and made just plain fools of themselves. The bomb exploded and not a Canadian felt it or knew it was released. Why Canadians ever chartered a boat to protest. Fortunately it did not reach the target or they would have felt ridiculous. Now why did we cry out in protest? —Geraldton (Ont.) Times Star

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