



Dear Friends,
Since the last newsletter, I made a brief three-day visit to St. Joseph's Hospital, Brantford, for very minor surgery on my nose. The news media picked up the information and by now you are all aware that I was briefly hospitalized. I do want to take this opportunity of thanking all those who wished me well.

LEGISLATION PASSED

After a long hard grind, the amendments to the Income Tax Act have now been passed. As a result, there will be some refunds to income tax payers on their income for 1974. This Act lays down a brand new standard of taxation in respect to the natural resource industries. Royalties now paid to provinces by mining and oil companies are no longer an item of expense for the company when filing Federal income tax. By this Act the provinces have lost the right to their resources given to them by the B.N.A. of 1867. A corner of their sovereignty has been lost.

Despite vigorous arguments by myself and several of my colleagues to have capital gains tax on farms either amended or abolished, the Minister was adamant in retaining these

News from Knowles

The best legal advice shows that the discretionary clauses in the old bill and the new bill make the effect of both bills virtually identical. The only really practical difference is that certain new products are made eligible for subsidy. The one major inadequacy is the fact that the amount of subsidy is based on the past five year average. To be

Obituaries

W.L. (Jim) Ebert

A long-time resident of the Hagersville area, Winston Lawrence (Jim) Ebert, passed away at West Haldimand Hospital, Friday, February 21, 1975. He was the son of the late Osborne and Calida Ebert.

Surviving are his wife, the former Enid Cranston, son Craig, daughter Karen, and daughter-in-law Marie. Also surviving are sisters, Dorothy Swaney and Herma Sevenpiper.

Mr. Ebert was a member of Garnet United Church where he served faithfully as Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, and teacher of young people for many years. He was well known in the business world where he served the public as a feed salesman, for a long time.

Funeral services were held Monday, February 24, from Hyde and Mott Funeral Home, Rev. Mark Reeves officiating.

Palbearers were six nephews: Mervin Watkins, Allan Lisk, Larry Swaney, Wayne Sevenpiper, Roger

Bell, Dave Rogers. Flower bearers: Keith and Douglas Winger.

Mrs. Elsie Mae McMurchy

At St. Joseph's Hospital, Hamilton on Saturday, March 8, 1975 Elsie Mae McBride of R.R. 1, Jarvis in her 77th year; beloved wife of William McMurchy; dear mother of Carl and Mrs. Murray North (Donna) both of Jarvis; grandmother of Scott McMurchy, sister of Charles, Albert and John McBride, all of Hagersville. Predeceased by a sister, Mrs. Hazel Fleming.

Service was held on Wednesday, March 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Hyde and Mott Funeral Home, Hagersville. Rev. Mark Reeves and Rev. Eric Ramratten officiated and interment was in the Jarvis United Church Cemetery.

Honourary Palbearers were June Close, Roy Parkinson, Ralph Phibbs and Emerson Phillips. Palbearers were nephews Earle and Murray Fleming, and Ken, Howard, Bill and Bob McBride.

Births

KRAUSKOPF

Roy and Debbie, nee Cronk, thank God for the safe arrival of their first child, a baby girl, 7 lbs. 3 ozs. born March 16, Charity Ann. First grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Don Cronk, the eighth grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Krauskopf and first great-grandchild for Mr. and Mrs. Sid Cronk. Many thanks to Dr. Weylie and Maternity staff of the West Haldimand General Hospital.

of real benefit to the farmer, subsidies should be calculated on the current cost of production plus a fair return for risk and management.

STRIKES

The rotating strikes in the Public Service are continuing. While limited to the general trades and labour group, the strikes are being orchestrated in such a way as to cause the greatest disruption of public services.

The irony of the situation is that pay in the general trades of the Public Service has been lagging far behind the same level of pay in the private sector. They also represent a comparatively small number of employees. Notwithstanding this, the Treasury Board President, Jean Chretien, has decided to take a firm stand. As of now the only assurance we have received from the Minister, in response to repeated questions, is that it will be a long strike.

Meanwhile, the public protest has been mounting steadily. By immobilizing the main Post Office in Toronto, pickets were able to hold up 50% of the mail flowing in Canada. Small businesses, particularly, are dependent upon reliable mail service and disaster is ahead for many unless a quick settlement is achieved. Clearly a type of compulsory arbitration must be devised for employees in the Public Service sector. This device must become operative before a strike occurs. It is simply unacceptable to permit a small minority to disrupt the national economy and bring hardship to individual Canadians.

GOVERNMENT SPENDING SOARS

The Trudeau government brought down its estimates for the fiscal year 1975-76. They represent an increase in expenditure of some 6.2 billion dollars. An indication of how public financing is running out of control is to recall that this increase in expenditure is equal to the total budget the last year of the Diefenbaker administration back in '63.

The pattern of soaring spending reaches right into the Prime Minister's office. Additions to his staff will now bring the total number of people working for him to 101. In addition there are 42 new positions in the Privy Council office to strengthen "central decision-making operations

of the government". The total cost of running the Prime Minister's office is now \$19,309,000, a 109 per cent increase since 1973.

Priority is also given to the government's Bilingual program. The cost of this program for next year will be 211 million dollars. The salaries of senior civil servants are now soaring upward as well. The number of \$20,000.00-plus civil servants has jumped under the Trudeau government, from 1,225 in 1968 to 16,868 for the present year.

SEE YOU AT CHURCH



THE CHURCH OF CHRIST
(Christian Chapel) Selkirk
Dr. Ben Woodruff
9:55 a.m. Bible School
11:00 a.m. Worship
7:30 Evening Services
(1st and 3rd Sunday)
Bible Studies at 7:45
Thursday.
ALL WELCOME

THE JARVIS-GARNET PASTORAL CHARGE
The United Church of Canada
Rev. W. Mark Reeves
Minister

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Confirmation will be observed at Garnet at 9:45 a.m. and at Wesley, Jarvis at 11:15 a.m. The Minister will conclude his Lenten series, "The Cross Today" with sermon three, "Over the Cross."

The two Church Schools will meet at the usual hours.

ANGLICAN CHURCH
Niagara Diocese
Centennial Year
SUNDAY, MARCH 23
Palm Sunday

Christ Church
Nanticoke
10:00 a.m. Church School
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion

St. Paul's Church
Jarvis
10:30 a.m. Church School
11:30 a.m. Holy Communion

The Rev. Arthur J. Tribe
Rector
Rectory at Jarvis
Phone 587-2543

Editorials

What really makes me mad

I have often heard tales about how exciting and thrilling a reporter's life must be. How I must meet so many thrilling people and have so many good times.

Sunday I spent the better portion of my afternoon at the accident which occurred on Indian townline. The accident was certainly a bad one - there was no two ways about it. It took about four hours to get the car - piece by piece - from under the tanker.

The driver of the tanker, John Thompson, was pretty shook up about the whole affair, as can be expected. He chain-smoked cigarettes and left the accident with a memory that will stay with him the rest of his life.

The afternoon was not exciting, it was not a good time, and the people certainly were not very thrilling - and that's my beef.

At an accident where two young men died tragically, the comments from the "spectators" were absolutely intolerable.

A crowd of approximately 100 gathered about the accident scene, jockeying for position, pushing and shoving; each trying to get closer than the others because they might miss something.

That sounds extremely callous but that was the attitude of the blood-thirsty ghouls who stood around that tanker for four hours in the hopes of seeing whatever was going to come out from under that tanker. I am not writing this editorial in order to be cruel, but to show how cruel people, collectively, can be.

One brilliant young man calmly asked me if I had taken a picture of the victims. There were many "oohs" and "Aahs" from the audience as the rescue work was carried out.

What really shocked me, and I suppose it's foolish to be shocked by anything any more, was the sight of little children - yes, children who were five and six years old - standing in front of their mothers, watching as the rescue work was carried out.

It is one thing to be at the scene of an accident because that is your job. I happened to be there in the interests of my readers. Standing around accidents are NOT my idea of entertainment.

That was not the case, however, with the audience. People ringed the accident area, and cars were lined up on both sides of the road for blocks, while their owners craned their necks to see "something".

To those people, the whole affair was some kind of a show, and I have never been more bitterly disappointed in the people this world has to offer, than I was on Sunday.

I cannot understand what could possibly be going on in a person's mind that would make that person anxious to see such a tragic accident like this. Any mother who could let a six or seven-year-old child witness the whole thing, has to be either completely without any feelings, or else very, very stupid.

I can only guess at what effect it might have on a child. I do know, however, that if the child understood what was happening, that it might make a lasting impression on them. I remember seeing a show on television when I was approximately eight years old, which frightened me terribly. I had nightmares for several nights after that, and my parents were eventually forced to install a "night light" in my bedroom.

All I can say to those people who attended that "free show", is, if the persons involved were your brother, sister, mother, father, husband or wife, would you appreciate it if 100 people stood around and laughed and joked about something which affected you that closely? I think not.

The People's Corner

Question

How do you feel about Women's Liberation and the Why Not button?



Betty Buck, employed at Magic Mart.

"I don't even know anything about it because I don't pay any attention to it."

I believe there should be equal pay for equal work, and that you should be paid for what you are doing, but you

shouldn't expect to get paid the same wage as a man if you can't handle his job.

I don't see why you have to publicize your views by wearing a Why Not button. To me that's getting a little pushy. It also seems to me that the government could find somewhere else to spend their money than on International Women's Year.

As to abortion, it depends on the circumstances - and they would have to be pretty good circumstances.

I guess there are times for abortion, but I am against it."



Mike Nelligan, owner of A & M

"I believe in equal pay for equal work. I wouldn't pay a male cashier any more than I would a female cashier."

It's ridiculous for the government to spend a lot of money on International Women's Year, though. They have got better places to spend their money than that. They're just doing it to keep the women's vote.

There are times when abortion would be all right with me, but I think the circumstances are just a bit too liberal right now.



Brian Craddock, owner of Brian's Barber Shop

"I guess women's liberation is all right. If a woman can do the same work as a man, then she should get paid the same wage, but if she can't, then it's wrong for her to get a man's wage."

I don't really understand the Why Not button, but I don't see the big joke about it.

I think abortion is one of the best things to come along in years. I cannot see one reason why a girl should have to keep a baby when it would ruin her whole life. She should either adopt it out or have an abortion. It's really the woman's choice."

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This column, The People's Corner, will appear each week. The Record invites its readers to use this space in which to express their views, gripes and peevish, on anything and everything. All comments are welcome. If the writer wishes to remain anonymous, the Record will respect this wish, though all material must be accompanied by the name and telephone number of the writer.

Chit Chat
by Stan Jucardon

On April 1, 1974, the counties of Norfolk and Haldimand were united, and became the Region of Haldimand and Norfolk. The taxpayers of these two counties were not given a chance to vote on this marriage, but it was forced upon us, and given the paternal blessings of the Ontario Government.

Like the first year of any marriage, it was expected to have its ups and downs, but would, finally settle down, and live together happily ever after. Unfortunately, this marriage has had more ups and downs than a roller coaster, and at this point doesn't look too promising for the next few years.

The Region of Haldimand and Norfolk is the name of our area, but what the Ontario Government forgot, was that this name of ours contained PEOPLE of mostly rural areas, and small villages - not cities, boroughs, or towns located in a confined area. When you have country folk living their own self centered lives for generations, and suddenly you tell them they are now going to be living as big city people, LOOK OUT.

The necessary changes must come gradually and explained to us country hicks, so that we can adjust our lives accordingly, and not have it jammed down our

throats. This entire happening was done without thorough planning, and explanation, so we have ended up with nothing but mass confusion.

The big selling point used by the Ontario Government was that this marriage would be less expensive than operating things our old-fashioned way. Even if you consider the added costs of inflation, my calculator still comes up with higher expenditures - not lower - by a long shot.

The residents of Delhi were told by the new Regional Police department that only the police dispatchers were moving to Simcoe, and that the Delhi Police Station would remain open. One month later the dispatchers left town, and took the entire police force with them, closing the Delhi Station.

Nobody can convince me that the dispatchers and police officers at that time, loved each other to the point that they couldn't continue to live without each other. This had to be a known fact at the beginning, but the Governing Fathers felt we were a bunch of young children who could be pushed aside with a little sweet talk, and that nobody would remember.

It is quite easy to pick out other examples, and blame other people for the mess we are in, but this is not going to solve the problems of the future. The present Ontario Government are the ones we tend to blame, but where were the opposition leaders when this was going on? I didn't hear or see any of them go to bat for us, and explain to us what was going to happen to our life style.

It is a foregone conclusion that Regional Government is here to stay, and we are stuck with it. Let us bury the hatchet and all work together, and make it work as beneficial as possible.

In a recent interview I had with Mayor Jerome VanDeSlyke, the Township of Norfolk, he said, "His council would look after things as they came along and wouldn't try to make an Empire out of their Township."

That statement holds a lot of food for thought, and should be seriously used as a basis by Regional Councils. Another way to control this problem is to keep in mind that the members of each council are put there by our votes, so the next time around take more time to pick the member who will fight for what you agree on.

I urge all Church and Service organizations of the region to make a concentrated effort for the next Regional election, to motivate the residents of the various sections of our Region, and get everybody interested and informed about the issues at hand, and what the candidates plan on doing for us.

I have no doubt that if we, the taxpayers all show more interest in what will happen to us, we can have more control of future actions, which may take place in the years to follow.

Sunshine club
by Ruth Hagan

The Sunshine Club met in the I.O.O.F. Hall, Thursday, March 13 with 31 present to play Hoss. There were two visitors and two joined our club. The new members are Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Krouse which makes our membership up to 43. Welcome to the club.

Hoss winners are as follows: ladies' high went to

Edith Swing, ladies' low to Madeline Corrigan. Men's high went to Wilfred Krouse, low to Albert Hyde.

Travelling Hoss was won by Nomi Roberts which was a bar of Irish soap. Door prize was won by Elizabeth Mitchell and the Lucky Number Draw was won by Florence Walker. The first Hoss Hand was won by Wilfred Krouse.

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