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SOME UNCOMFORTABLE FACTS

It is easy to criticize the newspaper; not so easy to make a map of betterment. The theorizing idealist has some awkward hurdles to jump. First off, there is the depressing fact that the better the newspaper—better, that is, from the standpoint of the idealist—the fewer readers it is likely to have.

There is another dilemma. The modern newspaper is a business enterprise. It is not, as its critics say, dominated by business, it is business itself. How could it be otherwise with the huge capital required and when by far the largest part of its revenue comes from business interests, using it for the furtherance of their enterprises?

No self-respecting and respected newspaper—one might say no successful newspaper—is wholly or even largely controlled by its advertisers, for the excellent reason that, if it were, it would have no advertisers. On the other hand, no successful newspaper can be indifferent to the interests of commerce any more than the heart can be indifferent to the health of the lungs.

The idealist solves this difficulty by the simple proposal to publish newspapers that will be supported by their readers alone. Half a minute with a pencil will suffice to show the fallacy in this proposal. The only way a newspaper could support itself on circulation revenue alone would be to raise the price per copy so high that only a small part of the population could afford to buy it. Thus even if we rule out the pressure—and it is enormous—of reader interest and prejudice, we are faced by the fact that the more “freedom” a newspaper has the fewer people there will be to benefit by it.

This is a paradox which has tortured the most thoughtful minds in journalism. So far as we know, no answer to it has been found. Like everything man can not marry until he has collected the scalps of one or more enemies. It is said that that of his prospective mother in law is especially prized.

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The munition plants and owners through their syndicated press agencies and news of threatening war propaganda are getting in their work. They will soon be reaping the profits.

Bumpers: Those shiny metal things on the back of the car ahead, used by the driver behind in lieu of brakes.

The city burdock crop on University Avenue is getting bigger and better every day. It was subject to a nice examination yesterday by some strangers.

Why not put the men now on relief to work harvesting the burdock crop? It might be good for blood bitters.

DOCTORS TO HELP 400,000 ON RELIEF

LOS ANGELES, July 29—One of the most extensive programs of socialized medicine ever undertaken, was launched in Los Angeles, as 4,350 physicians, surgeons, dentists, osteopaths and druggists began ministering to 400,000 persons on relief roles.

The medical service will be paid for by State relief administration at fixed rates, which, although below those usually charged to private practice, nonetheless are sufficiently high to pay more than the cost of service.

The minister of Highways, Hon. A. S. MacMillan has indicated that there is to be a cut in the cost of car registration next year.

Many cars have been kept off the road on account of the cost of registration. The cost of gasoline is far too high. Lowering of the price at the filling station and a lowering of the provincial tax would undoubtedly mean bigger sales and more money in the provincial treasury.

The Montreal Motorists League points out that 21 years ago, Nova Scotia collected \$14,839 from registration fees on motor vehicles. Last year the amount had increased to \$1,140,075 but the peak of the collection was reached in 1931 when \$1,134,956 was collected from this source alone.

In addition to registration fees, gasoline taxation came into effect in 1926 in which year, with a tax of three cents per gallon, \$206,496 was collected. The tax was raised to five cents per gallon in 1927 when this one tax brought in \$258,503. A further increase to six cents a gallon in 1932 gave the province \$928,047 from the sale of gasoline in that year.

Last year, with a tax of eight cents per gallon, \$1,303,045 was poured into the provincial treasury by motorists on their purchases of gasoline and, in the space of nine years, \$6,647,242 has been collected from this source alone. Aggregate collections for registration fees (\$11,235,448) and gas tax (\$6,647,242), have amounted to \$17,882,690 since 1914 and 1926 respectively.—Truro News.

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SNAPSHOTS

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Welcome to the visiting tennis players. We hope that you will enjoy your stay.

A western golf writer reports 19 courses in his state have reverted to fallacy. It will be interesting to get the harvest figures on recovered golf balls to the acre.

Speaking of bedtime stories, their most common form is: “If you make any racket, I’ll come up and give you a spanking.”

An explorer tells of an island in the South Pacific which is governed by goats. Here, of course it is done indirectly, by our representatives.

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The Forty Hours’ Devotion Services Held In Devon

The Forty Hours’ Devotion services which had been conducted at Devon during the last few days were concluded last evening. Services have been conducted by Rev. Father Donahue, assisted by Rev. Father Gillis, and Rev. Dr. Milligan of this city.

Last evening the service was conducted by Rev. Father Donahue and Rev. Father Gillis preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. Rt. Rev. Monsignor Carney of this city was present in the sanctuary and a large congregation was present, not only from Devon but also from this city.

INDIAN WILLIAM TELL HALTED FOR ACT

HARTFORD, Conn., July 29—The story of William Tell might never have been written if the Connecticut Humane Society had had anything to say about it.

The society told Chief White Horse that he may not use his three year old daughter Little Fawn, to demonstrate his skill with the bow and arrow.

The Indian chief appearing in a sportsmen’s show, drew gasp after gasp from spectators as he shot steel-tipped arrows around his daughter’s form.

Told by the society that he would have to withdraw Little Fawn from the act, Chief White Horse substituted his wife, Chaunciana Yellow Robe.

Mrs. Nellie Brent, temporarily in charge of the society’s affairs, explained that the society has no jurisdiction over persons who are 16 years of age or older.

NEW BRUNSWICK WATERS BEING STOCKED TROUT

Anglers need have no fear of lack of sport in New Brunswick with the constant restocking of lakes and rivers which is being carried on, according to the Fish and Game Department of the Canadian National Railways. One branch of the Fish and Game Protective Association placed half a million trout fry during the present season to date. The Association is also active in the propagation of pheasants and the Fredericton district report over 1,200 eggs produced by birds which were imported to re-establish stocks.

AT THE QUEEN TODAY

Among those registered at the Queen Hotel are the following: A. T. Beiss, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arsenault, Hartford, Conn.; Mrs. Loretta McKenna, St. Stephen; L. C. Swan, W. E. Gaccon, Southborough, Mass.; A. R. and D. Harris, Salisbury, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Calkin, Woodstock; Mr. and Mrs. A. Houghton and daughter, Corning, N.Y.; Miss E. Hughes, Washington, D.C.; J. B. Graham, St. Stephen; A. A. Reinke, Ottawa; F. D. Appleby, W. D. Wetmore, St. John; R. F. Wright, St. John; Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Morrow Toronto; S. R. Whittaker, St. John; R. Cumming, Toronto; Donald, Jay and J. R. Stout, New York City; A. E. Mooers, Houlton, Me.; P. G. Murphy, Belmont, Mass.; Henry L. Stimson and party, New York City.

PLAY AT WESTFIELD

The ladies of the Fredericton Golf Club are going to Westfield tomorrow where they will play an interchange game with the Riverside and Country Club ladies of Saint John. Those going from here are as follows: Mrs. J. W. S. Sisam, Mrs. E. J. Lounsbury, Mrs. H. S. Murray, Mrs. C. W. Argue, Miss Dorothy Feeney, Mrs. R. N. McCunn, Mrs. D. W. Wallace, Mrs. J. H. McMurray, Miss H. Fenwick, Mrs. Leslie Mavor, Mrs. F. Cooper, Mrs. Hedley Wilson, and Mrs. E. M. Young.

LATE WILLIAM GULLISON

The funeral of the late William Gullison, well known farmer of Williamsburg, took place at Williamsburg on Sunday with many attending the service. Service was conducted at the home at three o’clock and later at the Baptist church at Cross Creek. The pallbearers were Henry Gullison, Burpee Gullison, Samuel Gullison, James Gullison, Emery Gullison and Ben Gullison. The chief mourners were as follows: Lloyd Gullison, Orlin Gullison, Cenley Gullison, Gerald Gullison, Percy Gullison, Howard Gullison, Raymond Weeks, Shell Humble and Wendall Gullison.

PARTICULARS REGARDING BATH ACCIDENT

BATH, July 29—Further particulars regarding the Bath accident published in Saturday’s Daily Mail are as follows:

Riding in a borrowed automobile, Miss Dorothy Barker, who was driving was killed instantly about 11 a.m. Saturday when the car swerved from the highway and plunged over a 25-foot embankment. The other occupants of the car, Miss Winnifred Barker, younger sister of the victim, and Miss Elizabeth Brennan, Bath, were injured and were taken to a private hospital at Bath for treatment.

The three were driving in a car owned by Lee Alward, Chicago, an uncle of the Barker girls, who was visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Barker. The car was proceeding at a “good speed” eye-witnesses said, and suddenly swerved and went over the bank. Falling about 25 feet, it brought up against a tree, crushing Dorothy Barker and causing instant death. Her sister suffered a broken collarbone and face and scalp wounds and Miss Brennan a broken collarbone.

Shortly after the accident, residents of the district reached the scene and removed the occupants of the car which was badly damaged. Dr. James R. Lockhart was summoned and the injured were removed to a private hospital at Bath. Miss Brennan, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Brennan, was taken to her home Sunday morning and she is under the care of her sister, a trained nurse. Miss Barker is still in the hospital and has not been told of her sister’s death, although her own condition has improved.

R.C.M.P. Constable Graves, Florenceville, inspected the car and the scene of the accident, prior to the arrival of Dr. W. O. Chestnut, coroner, Hartland, who examined the body and gave permission for its removal. He decided an inquest was not necessary.

Dorothy Barker was a graduate of Bath High School and had completed two years as a student at Acadia University, where she received a prize of \$50 recently for scholarship. She is survived by her parents, one sister, Winnifred, and one brother, Walter, both at home.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon, with service on the lawn in front of the home conducted by Rev. A. A. Stott pastor of the Baptist church assisted by Rev. A. S. Bishop, Rev. J. M. Fraser and Rev. G. A. Sellar of Florenceville. Music was provided by a mixed choir and interment was made in Bath cemetery. There was a large number of floral tributes.

Another Accident

En route from Montreal to Halifax, five persons escaped serious injury when the large sedan in which they were riding turned partly over on leaving the road at Humes’ Hill, Florenceville, Sunday afternoon. Coming in contact with a heavy wire fence, its descent was checked and the occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Humphrey and their son, Mr. Humphrey’s sister and a man whose name is unknown, all of Montreal, were able to crawl from the car, suffering only a few scratches and minor cuts.

The road has two turns and a fairly steep incline at this point and it was

DIED

BIRD—Died at the Victoria Public Hospital, July 29, 1935, Harry Wilbur Bird.

The funeral will take place from the late home at Zealand on Wednesday afternoon with prayers at the home at 2:10 o’clock and at the Church of England at 2:30 o’clock (A. S. T.). Rev. Mr. McQueen will conduct the service and interment will be made in the adjacent cemetery.

MONTEITH—At Victoria Hospital, July 28, 1935, James R. Monteith. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the I.O.O.F. and the L.O.L. Prayers will be said at the home at 2 o’clock, followed by service at St. Mary’s Parish Church, Devon, by Rev. C. LeRoi Mooers. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery extension, Fredericton.

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