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MARYSVILLE CIVIC INTEREST

Interest in the civic affairs of the Town of the Town of Marysville, which seemed to be high a short time ago, is now reported to be on the wane. It is held in some quarters that some difficulty may be found in obtaining councillors to fill the three and possibly four vacant aldermanic seats, and the mayoralty.

Some weeks ago a number of probable candidates were mentioned, and it was forecasted that there might be a contest for each of the vacant seats. The subject was a leading item of discussion in the town.

Some parties close to the Marysville situation are still of the opinion that there will be plenty of material available by the time the deadline for the filing of nomination papers is reached on Saturday, claiming that, despite frequent denials by persons alleged to be interested, interest is still keen.

During the last half dozen or more years Marysville citizens have been noted in this part of the province for their wide-awake attitude toward municipal administration. Rarely was there difficulty in obtaining sufficient candidates to fill all positions, and on almost all occasions there was a clash at the polls in at least one ward on election day. Last year contests took place for all five seats, two of these being located in one ward where there had previously been a vacancy. The mayoralty alone was filled by acclamation, when Mayor Percy G. Long retained office for a second term.

The mayoralty this year seems to be attracting particular attention. Following the resignation of Mayor Long, although no definite announcements have as yet been made, several names have been linked with the position. County Councillor Rowley Manzer, ex-mayor, is said to be interested, while it is still rumored that Ald. Irvine Gregory may offer, despite denials some time ago by Mr. Gregory. Retiring Ald. Horace R. Pettigrove is rumored to have been approached by a committee of citizens with a view to his offering, but told the Mail that he definitely decided to retire from town municipal affairs, because of the pressure of his duties as Fair Wage Officer. Other names are also mentioned.

The attitude of the Marysville citizens in taking a wide-awake interest in the administration of their town's business may well serve as an example to other communities. It is to be hoped that Fredericton taxpayers will take a lesson from this city's smaller neighbor and will follow the activities of the City Council with greater attention than has been the case during periods in the past.

JITTERMANIA

With each successive dance craze since the Charleston and Black Bottom first shocked the elders of the late twenties, there has been an increasing disregard for inhibition. Those who watched the trend toward swifter tempos and more expressive and less refined motions of limbs and torso prophesied that, either the dancing public would swiftly tire of jazz just as it had of Mah Jong and shorter skirts, or else it would reach a climax beyond which it would be impossible to go. The majority of forecasters favoured the former finale, with a swift reversion to dainty steps punctuated by graceful whirls, frequent handkissing and much bowing. But they seem to have been wrong. For King Swing ushered in new pastures of rhythm and it seems has reached the point where the dance fiend just cannot keep up.

An eminent physician who has examined numerous addicts of jittermania before and after indulging in the boisterous pastime, has recently expressed the opinion that dancing

has reached its highest pitch. To go further would eliminate all but the perfect specimens. He points out that jittermania as now practised is dangerous to a large number of those who take part in it. The entire system is taxed to the utmost, and after a lively session even the strongest boys and healthiest girls are in a state of physical and emotional exhaustion. He opines that if the craze continues for any considerable length of time serious harm may be done to the adolescent generation.

So far as can be learned from usually reliable sources, jittermania seems to be the most convenient dance yet invented. There are no tedious hours with an instructor before the student timorously ventures out on the floor, fearing lest he trample his partner's fragile feet. No coupons need be clipped to send for the illustrated booklets that teach dancing in the secret of the private closet.

The jittermania simply seizes his female companion, swoons into the arms of Swing, and cuts a swath for himself. If he finds he is emotionally incapable of swooning into Swing, he gathers all his energies and alternately performs his own versions of a threshing machine, in action, terra firma around an exploding bomb, and a milch cow assaulted by a pair of gadflies. The results are to all intents and appearances the same.

How long jittermania will continue is uncertain. What its results on the race will be is likewise uncertain. One thing alone seems assured—if it lasts for another twelve months the carnival and country fair tumbler, who were want to paralyze the hoi polloi with their feats of daring, will all be racing turtles between rope lanes, or living off the Destitute Showmen's Relief Fund.

Under a caption "Public Shares Cost of Moving Maritime Freight", a pamphlet entitled "Railway Facts published by The Citizen's Group For Railway Action", says:

"Under the Maritime Freight Rates Act of 1927 specified freight rates on the Eastern Lines of the Canadian National Railways, serving the Maritime Provinces, were reduced by 26 per cent. Other railways were allowed to make similar reductions in their freight rates, in the same territory."

"The Dominion Government, since the Act came into force, has paid to the railways concerned the difference between the reduced rates and the normal rates. Total payments by the Government on this account for the ten-year period 1927 to 1936 amounted to \$24,669,744."

Further reductions in wholesale commodity prices carried the Dominion Bureau of Statistics index from 73.4 for the week ended January 6 to 73.3 for the week ended January 13. Declines predominated in Vegetable Products, Animals, Textiles and Non-Ferrous Metals, while the remaining four groups were unchanged. In the corresponding week last year the general index was 83.4. The composite index of 30 industrial material commodity prices declined from 64.4 to 64.0 during the week, showing a slightly greater reaction to depressionary forces than the general wholesale index.

While Mark Twain said nothing is done about the weather, the British Air Ministry is setting the velocity of hurricanes. It has ruled that a storm which does not move faster than seventy-five miles an hour is not a hurricane.

The Duchess of Kent, says an English paper, when she goes to Australia, will be missed in Britain where she is the fashion leader. As Canberra then about to become the Paris of the southern hemisphere?

Production of automobiles in December, with the single exception of the total for April, was the highest output reported during the year. The total was 18,670 units compared with 17,992 in the previous month and 21,115 in December, 1937.

A total of 166,142 units were produced during 1938 compared with 207,463 in 1937, a drop of twenty per cent. Included in the 1938 figures were 125,061 passenger cars and 41,061 trucks, a decline of 18 and 25 per cent, respectively. The number of motor vehicles made for sale in Canada dropped 22 per cent to 109,172, while the number intended for export dropped 16 per cent to 56,970.

Strand, South Africa, is trying to exterminate its rats, because they get into an electric transformer and shut off the city's lights every little while.

Y. W. C. A. BOARD HOLDS MEETING

The Y. W. C. A. Board met Wednesday at the Community "Y" with twenty ladies present and Mrs. G. W. Brown in the chair.

Gratifying reports were heard from the treasurer, Mrs. J. M. Cameron, and those in charge of various committees. The program this season has taken great strides in club and recreational activities, and a new club for young working men and women has recently been formed. The new quarters of the "Y" are being put to capacity use.

During the meeting discussion was held concerning a suitable and appropriate memorial for the late Miss Hedwig Hobrecker, National General Secretary who passed away Nov. 6th, 1938. Suggestions were read from the National Council in Toronto and the local association voted a contribution to be used in a Scholarship Fund for training leaders in Y. W. C. A. work.

Supervision of our Saturday night dances will be undertaken by this Board and will be looked after by Mrs. P. S. Watson.

Raffling of a very attractive knitting bag donated by Mrs. D. J. Shea was left in charge of Mrs. A. W. Good and the drawing will be held February 15th.

SUPERINTENDENTS MEET

A conference of the superintendents of fish hatcheries for the province was held yesterday with L. H. Parks, officer in charge of fisheries in the inland counties, presiding. The stocking of streams was the main point of discussion today. The meeting resumed after dinner and will conclude this afternoon.

Those present were: James Catt, superintendent of Fish Culture, Saint John; J. D. Nichol, Saint John; Frank Burgess, South Esk; Adrian McCluskey, Grand Falls; G. B. Stratton, Florenceville, representing George Sutherland who is ill. Hatchery Superintendents Major C. A. Williams, in the absence of Lieut. Col. H. H. Ritchie, Chief Game Warden for New Brunswick. Fishery inspectors attending were J. A. D. Robertson, Hampton, E. G. Hunter, Fredericton, C. E. Kilpatrick, Woodstock, A. D. Levesque, Grand Falls, N. W. Campbell, Newcastle, L. H. Parks, Supervisor of Fisheries.

Mothers!

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Notice of Assessment

The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Fredericton hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1939 forthwith to furnish to the assessors true statements of all their personal estate and income, which is assessable under the City of Fredericton Assessment Act, 1926, and true statements of wages or salaries paid to employees, and hereby give notice that blank forms on which such statements may be furnished may be obtained at the office of the Chairman of the Board of Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in said office on or before the 15th day of February, 1939.

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THE AFTERTHOUGHT

The following conversation is an instance of rural politeness:

"How's the harvest?"
"Not so bad. How's your pigs?"
"Fine. Is you mare still fit?"
"No, she's all right now. Is your cow cured, too?"
"Yes. Well, I'm very glad every thing's all right up at your place. How's the wife?"

HUMAN STORY

The schoolboy who wrote the following had got his facts right, but he might have expressed himself a little more happily:

In 1658 Milton married his second wife, and in the same year he began to write "Paradise Lost". Two years later his wife died. He afterwards wrote "Paradise Regained".

HER VIEW

The inspector who had just returned from the Isle of Man, was examining the girls' class in geography.

"Can you tell me what island there is off the English coast which, from its name, you would judge to be inhabited by people of the male sex only?"

"Please sir," said a little girl, "the Scilly Isles".

JUST SO

"Mose, how came you to name yo little gal 'lectricity? "

"Well, you see, Sam, mah wife an' Dinah and mah name am Mose, an' dynamos make 'lectricity, so we jus' named de little gal 'lectricity."

A TIP TO WIVES

Environment makes opinions. The wife ashamed of her husband's salary can become proud of it merely by moving into another neighborhood.

LIVING HIGH

Nobody can live on the moon, says a writer of popular science notes, who doesn't seem to realize what the song writing lads have been doing for the last 50 years.

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As I See It

Daily Foreign News Comment

By H. M. Paint.

THE NAZI MARCH—EASTWARD OR WESTWARD?

Prince Vladimir, heir apparent to the nebulous Empire of the Czar of all the Russias, leaves Paris with a fanfare of trumpets to visit Berlin. Ukrainian Bureaus are formed in Germany. Hitler is closeted for three hours with Colonel Beck; Der Fuehrer expresses satisfaction with the interview—everything points to a German push to the Eastward—or does it?

The new Soviet oath sworn to every May Day, and on November 7th the anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution, no longer opens "I, son of the working people, a citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics", we are told. It now reads simply, "I, a citizen of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics". The old oath, "to direct all my actions and thoughts to the great goal of the liberation of all toilers", is now one of simple devotion, "to my people, my Soviet fatherland and the workers and peasants government".

Numerous changes in Soviet phraseology, tend to teach a new doctrine of national patriotism, rather than comintern ideology.

The Russian dictatorship of Stalin is becoming nationalistic — it is no longer international!

This completely changes the picture of Nazi-Soviet relations. Nazi leaders hold, that they can reach no compromise or treaty with a Bolshevik Russia—but they could find a common meeting ground with a patriotic, "national" Russian Government! Observers believe that such a transformation is proceeding rapidly in the Soviets. Have the widely divergent orbits of Bolshevism and Fascism, reached the point where they will soon meet as extremes of tenor do?

Is Hitler once more talking the Esperanto of Nazism—that universal sign language where a man approaches another with a roll of bills in one hand, and a gun in the other, and displays each in turn? Is the Ukrainian agitation a pistol held against Russian's side? And is the free navigation of the Baltic and the Black Sea, the bribe extended in the other hand?

Germany is extending her submarine fleet. She controls Finland, and Finland in combination with Sweden, has fortified the Aland Islands which block Russia's narrow Baltic outlet. Austria is within the German orbit. Hungary has followed. It only needs Rumania's accession to give the Reich control of the Danube. This once gained submarines could be passed at will from the Black Sea to the Baltic via the canal which connects the River Elbe with the Danube, and Russia's European trade outlets could be closed at will.

But suppose Hitler should offer Russia's new nationalistic Government, disgusted with British and French desertion at Munich, a mutual ten year non-aggression pact? And suppose Russia accepts it? Suppose Germany's designs are in the west, not the East?

If they are not, why does Germany continually seek new Atlantic bases?

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