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Washington Spotlight

By **Clyde Blackburn**
Canadian Press Staff Writer
Publication of the names of those Americans who pay highest income taxes sharply emphasized that the least essential producers make the most money.

The list was topped by moving picture makers with automobile makers running second by class of those whose incomes exceed \$75,000 a year.

There were no doctors, nurses or farmers in the list—none at all whose efforts are vitally essential to maintenance of life and health.

The big money makers are engaged in occupations producing things one would want to do without but things that could be eliminated without causing serious suffering, exposure or lack of medical care.

When these big-money names were being published the Washington newspapers were carrying special feature stories describing the dangerous movement of farm workers into industry because of the lure of more wages and shorter hours.

Great dairy herds were being liquidated in the rich farm areas adjacent to the capital and productive acres going untended because farm labor could not be obtained in competition with the factories and other organized industries.

The income tax list indicated that to get in the money you must produce luxuries. There were no names of scientists or coal miners or home builders, nor of educators.

The man who holds the most important job in the United States—President Truman, was not listed. His salary is \$75,000 a year—just under the wire—out income taxes take about two-thirds of that and with the costs incidental to his office it is likely the President is the most needy official in this Government's service.

Rep. Alvin F. Wetchel (Rep.-Ohio) has advanced a suggestion that if it is good anywhere, would also apply to Canada. To help offset the housing shortage he suggests that homes occupied by couples that have old age pensions be made available for extra tenants.

without prejudicing the pension rights of the owners. He estimated that in Ohio alone there are 15,000 homes occupied by couples receiving perhaps \$40 a month old age pensions who would be glad to rent them in whole or in part to homes of young couples if by so doing they were not penalized by offsetting reductions in pension. Mr. Wetchel offered the idea to Congress but it would be a matter for joint State and Federal action if anything is to be done about it.

When President Truman said 1946 was "the year of decision" he was guilty of understatement. Few Presidents were ever faced with more numerous and fateful decisions than those facing Mr. Truman at the moment and he is receiving questionable support or aid from the people's elected representatives whose thoughts are centred on a six-month holiday starting late in July, and the Congressional elections next November.

Borstal System Tries to Solve Youth Problems

By **Norman Cribbens**
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LOWDHAM GRANGE, England, June 19 — (CP) — It is ironical that in Britain under the Borstal system boys who go wrong often get a better chance in life than those from poor homes who never run into trouble with the police.

Here in the rolling hills and meadows of Nottinghamshire is a Borstal institution, built by Borstal boys where 280 lads from 16 to 21 years are helped along the road to good citizenship.

That is the most common offence but first offenders are rarely sentenced as the probation system is widely used by magistrates. The term of a sentence under the Borstal form of detention is not less than two more than three years and convicted boys are first sent to an allocation centre which having regard to age, development, record and general make-up, decides which of the seven institutions provides the most appropriate training.

Under a firm but kindly administration boys are taught all manner of constructive trades, from brick-laying to baking, from carpentering to cobbling and laundering, and are entered in the institution to brush up on general education.

Outside the main building of this institution two or three lads in grey shorts and shirts—the official Borstal garb—may be seen weeding and mowing the lawns and garden. Too intent on their work for conversation, they may volunteer brief remarks, "We opened this place in the institution."

"Our chaps built all this," said a husky, fair-haired youth, with a contemptive wave of his garden trowel. "There's a new building going up over there."

Started in 1930 Lowdham's history goes back to 1830 when 50 Borstal boys were marched 144 miles from an industrial school at Feltham, Middlesex, and put under canvas on vacant land purchased by the Prison Commissioners.

"The boys were handpicked for this new venture," said the governor, a slim, ascetic-looking man with quick eyes. "We opened this school on the theory that you can't train a racehorse in a backyard. Boys, like racehorses, need a certain amount of freedom to develop."

Under direction of local bricklayers and carpenters the boys started building and subsequently for nine years fresh Borstalians continued the work on a regular eight-hour-day basis.

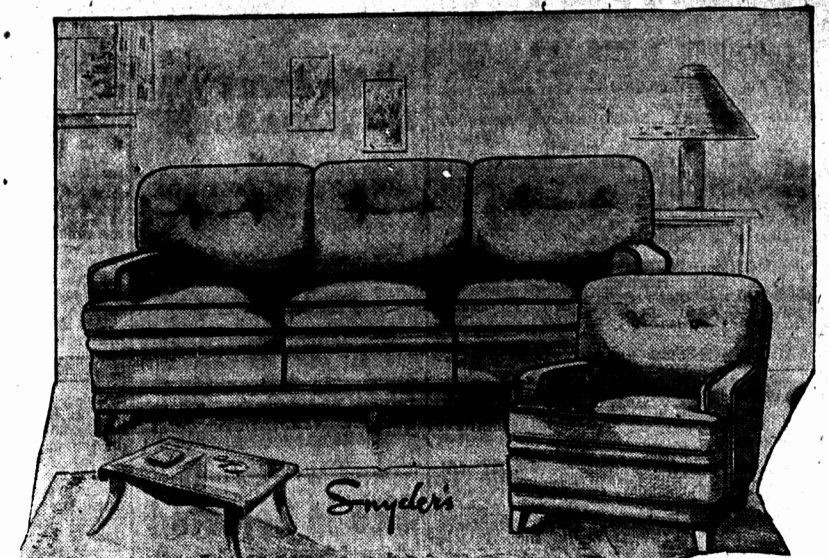
Because of the large numbers called into the forces early in the war Lowdham Grange was turned back to the commissioners for use as a convict prison. It was reopened in 1941 as a Borstal for youths of lower than average mentality.

"But," said the governor, "many lads are only sub-average while the company of exceptionally bright companions, due perhaps to a feeling of inferiority, tend to develop hitherto unsuspected intelligence."

On an average, he said, 50 per cent of boys who were here turn out good citizens. Many either pay return visits or write letters of thanks. As many as 50 tried to escape in 1945 but the majority were newcomers not then acclimatized to the new way of life.

FRENCH INDIANS MAY JOIN PROPOSED UNION
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