

Co-Operative Journeys Down Through The Years

By J. A. Gillies, Charlottetown (Continued from Friday)

The co-operative movement was never intended to be coercive or oppressive, or a gag on commercial trading. In its very essence, it is non-compulsory and originally was conceived as a way out of under-privileged conditions from which the individual was to be freed. It was also envisioned as an opportunity for producers, who chose to be commercially enterprising or otherwise, to have their products marketed on a "mutual" basis, and a reversal from this procedure usually brings about advantages in co-operative recordings.

Man was never destined to be merely a chattel, portable or transferable. He was launched into the world a "free-born" and into the world normal when checked, even by instruments of his own choice. He will respond more readily to a "come" than to a "go" and when leadership deigns to transpire an invitation into a dirt command, it is heading for a dirt road to travel upon thereafter. People in a democracy are not susceptible to accepting the idea of being ordered about.

Individualism is a natural trait in mankind, and any variation therefrom is essentially a matter of personal choice and is usually induced by premisses of gain or a reaction to ineffectiveness or curtailment. With such an unstable prospectus upon which to frame co-operative institutions, it should not be difficult to locate the cause of abnormal fluctuations in annual membership.

Man will invariably accept and appreciate the offer of a lift in the medium of crisis, or when travelling over a rocky road, but with embarrassing conditions relieved, usually reverts to his customary cause and habits, unmindful of a benefactor, or that he again may face similar difficulties, when relieving measures may not be so immediately available.

Farmers and farm organizations are not exempt from this word picture of human frailty. They will co-operate when in distress, but once the barriers are successfully hurdled, they forget the medium of their salvation, at least until faced with another critical situation. The thought in mind is beautifully illustrated in the following quotation from a poem written by a very much disillusioned soldier, upon return to civilian life.

"God and the soldier we adore in times of danger, not before. The danger past, with wrongs averted, God is forgotten and the soldier slighted"

The co-operative movement has demonstrated, beyond question, what can be accomplished through its ministry. There is abundant evidence certifying to its economic achievement among the farmers of the Province, during the several decades immediately past. It cannot do the impossible at any time, nor even the abnormal on all occasions, but it is a powerful instrument in the hands of producers for their economic betterment, and should not be lightly sacrificed or allowed to "sit idly by".

Unfortunately, there is evidence of damaging disintegration in co-operative ranks, not necessarily deterioration in objective, so much as a swing towards more modern medium of attainment. Later day promoters of producer controlled

marketing exchanges or Boards, aware of the weaknesses associated with voluntary co-operative effort, are inclined to advocate pressure as a corrective. Authority to make and enforce regulations was sought and obtained (on an experimental basis only) with the outcome of the first application still in abeyance. Alas, for the agricultural industry involved, and opposing marketing agencies, have been in actual legal warfare, with decision following the boot, accepted as a draw.

There are rumblings of possible renewed conflict that may lasso even producers, but being only in the offing, must be by-passed without comment. However, the system in operation and the principles upon which it is founded, are by their very nature open to challenge as being undemocratic, illogical and incapable of effective administration.

There are a few auxiliaries to good marketing attached in which there is appeal, and might well be embraced if in a different context, but are bound to lose their identity in the general melee that may be anticipated to co-operate eventually. Voluntary co-operative marketing has failed and is now practically out, because of lack of producer responsibility. Controlled and regulated marketing will assuredly fail, because of its interference with civil rights and personal liberty of the individual.

With this method of organization—voluntary co-operative marketing or other purposes, obviously becoming inoperative and rapidly passing into the discard, and the regulated or controlled substitute with its rather dictatorial and compulsory features, advocated by a succeeding school of thought, being challenged almost from its inception, there is but one other remaining avenue of trade—Free Enterprise—that of free-will trading, unhampered and unrestricted by dogma or regulation, excepting that of civil rights and the law and courts of the country.

There is no reason why groups of individual producers or consumers, agricultural or general, should not organize or evolve a system of trading that would enable the former to secure maximum net value for their production and the latter to purchase their requirements at minimum necessary cost. Organization will make this possible without the necessity of special law enactment or class legislation.

Free Enterprise merchandizing individual or corporate, is based upon sane organization, sufficient capital investment and competent management. With these essentials adequately in evidence and with complete control by those directly interested, there is little doubt about the outcome of a commercial venture. Producer and consumer groups must arm themselves similarly, as alternative to an effort that has apparently outlived its usefulness, or a theoretical substitute now under doubtful experiment.

There is sufficient evidence all round about us, at home and abroad, that the formula used so successfully in private business, is eminently practical in co-operative activities. In fact, the only co-operatives in operation throughout this Province indicating business stamina and progress, at least outwardly, are those founded upon the principles and practices of "Free Enterprise".

Co-operative ventures of later decades have rendered tremendous assistance to producer and consumer alike, even within business areas, in that they exposed unethical practices than can and do exist, at least sporadically, and opened a detour route through safer avenues of trade. But there is sufficient evidence to warrant the assumption that on a voluntary basis, they are rapidly making way for a more modern, alternative system.

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ENGAGEMENT - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carr, Oyster Bed Bridge, announce the engagement of their only daughter, Jean Catherine Lillian, to Arnold Exton Bulman, youngest son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ernest Bulman, Rustico, Marriage to take place in St. Mark's Anglican Church, Rustico, on June 30th.

PERSONALS

W. Dewar Judson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Judson, Pownall, has been promoted from aero engine mechanic to Inspector with the R.C.A.F., Moncton.

Miss Mae Warren, Mt. Edward Road, spent the weekend in Brookfield, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Matheson.

Mrs. John Robert Lamont Campbell leaves today with her two sons Hubert and Blaine to join her husband, John, of the Lilacs, in Dartmouth, N. S., where they will reside in future.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Johnstone motored to Halifax yesterday to attend the graduating exercises of Dalhousie University, which take place tomorrow, when their daughter, Miss Jane Bonnell Johnstone will receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

Strange But True
By F. H. MacArthur

The lamp posts on London bridge are cast of the metal of French Cannon captured in the peninsular war.

Besides vehicles, 200,000 pedestrians cross London Bridge daily. A fact which may give the reader of this column some idea of the prodigious traffic carried on in this part of the mighty city.

One of the police regulations for this bridge is that slow-moving vehicles travel at the sides, and fast ones in the center.

The ancient gloomy state prison of London known as "The Tower" is one of the most historical and interesting spots on earth. Coronation day may hold a special visit to this historic fortress will leave an indelible stamp on your memory. Here you may see the dungeons where many prominent men and women were confined; the crown jewels, the greatest collection of ancient arms in the world, the "gun, hammer and rack" instruments of torture, the fatal block on which the last person beheaded in England, suffered the penalty of high treason in 1747.

Gillis - Morrison Wedding

A very pretty spring wedding of interest to the surrounding districts was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison of Mt. Buchanan on March 18 at 7:30 p. m., when their daughter Eliza Margaret, exchanged wedding vows with Clarence Eric, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gillis of Point Prim.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, entered the room to the strains of Lohengrin's Wedding March played by Mrs. Malcolm MacEachern.

The bride looked charming in a floor length bridal gown of white net over satin and a fitted lace bodice. Her shoulder-length veil was held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and she carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. She was attended by her cousin, Margaret Nicholson, who chose a gown of Nile-green taffeta with matching head dress. Her bouquet was of yellow roses.

The groom was ably supported by the bride's brother, Gordon. The ceremony was performed under an arch of pink and white streamers with Rev. E. C. Evans of Charlottetown officiating.

After wishing the young couple many years of happiness the guests were ushered to the dining-room where a sumptuous supper was served to upwards of seventy guests. The table was attractively decorated with a three-tier wedding cake and bride's cake. A toast was proposed by Rev. E. C. Evans and responded to by the groom.

After some time spent in dancing the bride and groom left on a honeymoon to points of interest in the Maritimes.

For travelling the bride chose a light blue suit with navy accessories.

The many beautiful gifts which were received, including a sum of money, proved the popularity of this young couple. They are now residing in Point Prim where the groom is a prosperous young farmer.

IN MEMORIAM

In fond and loving memory of my dear mother, Mrs. Isabel Kennedy, who departed this life on Mother's Day, May 11, 1947.

Loving and kind in all her ways, Upright and just to the end of her days; Sincere and kind, in heart and mind, What a beautiful memory she left behind.

Lovingly remembered by her daughter Lilla, also Earl and family.

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In loving memory of Daniel T. MacPherson of Belleue and Stoneham, Mass., who passed away May 11, 1945.

Deep in our hearts his memory is kept, We smile with the world, but we never forget.

Fondly remembered by his mother, sisters and brothers.

Mabel Griffin.

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In loving memory of Mrs. Charles McLean, Iris, who departed this life May 11th, 1948.

Five years ago we parted, Never will her memory fade, Loving thoughts will always linger, Around the spot where she is laid.

Lovingly Remembered by Husband and Family.

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In loving memory of ALBERT CRASWELL who passed away May 11th, 1952. Gone but not forgotten. Always Remembered by His Wife and Family.

Youthful Pipers



Winners in Piping Class at Frank Burke, 1st; Shirley Burke, Musical Festival, Left to Right: 2nd; Donald Burke, 3rd.

W.C.T.U. NOTES

LIQUOR AND THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1-"I am the Lord thy God... thou shalt have none other gods before me."

There are some folks who permit liquor to take the place of God in their lives.

2-"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image... Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them."

Liquor stimulates fantastic imagination and the creation of false objectives of affection.

3-"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain."

Liquor makes a loose tongue. Drinkers are nearly always users of profane language. Swearing is always heard in taverns and saloons.

4-"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

People cannot keep the Sabbath day holy when they are soaked in the sin of drunken debauchery; nor is the drunkard found in church.

5-"Honour thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

How many young people put their parents to shame by drunkenness the Lord alone knows. The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32; 11 Chronicles 6:36-39), a magnificent story of Jesus, tells of a wayward youth who came back to his father's house after spending a season in "riotous living."

6-"Thou shalt not kill."

How many murders and suicides are due to liquor, which causes men to go crazy—mad.

A noted physician whose recent syndicated newspaper articles were widely read said that liquor does not shorten life. That this physician became a suicide is a significant paradox.

7-"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

Many folks are stirred emotion-

to write his history, which covers only the period of American Colonial life. Charles Dalton waited more than 12 years before announcing his discovery that silver foxes could be bred and raised in captivity.

If a geologist knows what he's talking about, 50,000 years from now there will be world peace. He figures by then the entire earth will be covered with water.

Six-year-old Carol Kyles of Detroit, Michigan, was born with part of her heart missing. The missing heart chamber, was not discovered until Carol was getting a check up at the Children's medical centre in Boston, recently.

SPRINGFIELD WEST W. I.

Springfield West Women's Institute met for their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Horatio MacWilliam. In the absence of the president, Mrs. Allison MacDougall occupied the chair.

The meeting opened by singing the Ode and repeating the Creed in union. Eight members answered roll call. Minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved. Correspondence was read and discussed. It was decided that the Institute would put on a play and make pies and candy to be sold at same. Proceeds to go to the Brenda Ellis fund.

The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. Robert England. Roll call to be answered by each donating a grab bag containing donation. A contest was enjoyed and won by Mrs. Roy Colclough.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, after which a dainty lunch was served by the hostess assisted by Miss Lorraine England.

Card Of Thanks

I wish to extend sincere thanks to Rev. George MacCormack and all those who sent Mass Cards and messages of sympathy and helped in any way during my recent sad bereavement.

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Thoughts For Our Time

By His Eminence Cardinal McGuigan (Copyright)

THE BEAUTY OF MOTHERHOOD

A mother is one who gives life. For this reason there is no hesitation or dissension as all join in honoring motherhood. Our life is a treasure; a man does not easily give up his life. This gift of life which we have received from our mothers puts us in their debt to a degree that cannot possibly be acquitted. So it is that we set aside Mother's Day to acknowledge this debt and to show our gratitude. "The grateful heart," says Milton, "pays by owing."

It is often pointed out, and with good reason, that honoring one's mother should not be restricted to one day out of the year. It is obvious that anyone who really loves his mother will consider the day as and devotion. Just as our patriotism is not confined to July 1, so our filial devotion is by no means confined to this day alone. This is the special expression of it.

It is also important to remember that God's goodness and love has given us this beautiful reality we call motherhood. Only God can give life, but His overflowing goodness wanted to have His creature share in the sublime mystery of human creation. Motherhood is God's idea, and like every good gift and every perfect gift it comes down to us from the Father of lights. It is not surprising, then, that His fourth commandment reads "Honor thy father and thy mother."

But thanks be to God there are still a great number who preserve inviolate the office of motherhood and who maintain its beauty and splendor. There is nothing quite so inspiring as a happy home, where children are lovingly obedient and respectful, and where a mother reigns as a beloved and devoted queen. God's blessing rests on such a home. This is the strength of a nation; children, numerous and strong, who, through the influence of a mother, love God and their fellow man.

We find great joy on a day such as this, when each of us pays tribute to sacred motherhood. We thank God for what He has given: this beauty and love in the world. We salute those valiant women, the mothers of our homes, whose hearts are willing to sacrifice in a world that fears sacrifice. We ask the Mother of God to bless them, protect them, and be their inspiration in life-giving.

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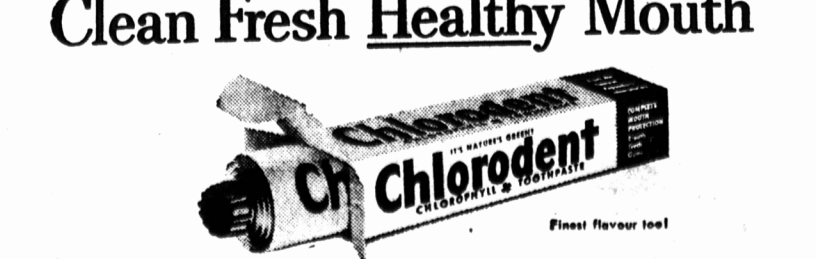
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The only person ever known to have a marble elephant for a tombstone was William Duggan, circus owner. The life-sized elephant of white stone may be seen in Pleasant Grove Primitive Baptist cemetery near Moseville, Ga.

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