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Island Folk School

Not so very long ago adult education was practically synonymous with night school, an institution which fulfilled the requirements of the ambitious young man whose object was to get ahead in business.

Those objects are now being furthered through the Island Folk School which commences a twelve-day course at Winsloe. The mature students who take the course will indeed be better farmers for having done so, but more important, they will provide a nucleus of community leadership.

Other forms of government may depend upon a ruling class or officialdom to provide direction to community effort but in democracy that leadership must come from the people themselves or progress is bound to lag.

Paying For Pensions

From the beginning, notes the Winnipeg Free Press, it was generally supposed that a universal old age pension system in Canada would be based on the contributory principle. As equitably as possible all Canadians would set aside a fixed part of their income during their years of active work and receive these savings back in pensions, when they could work no longer.

It was never supposed, of course, that all workers would contribute exactly the same amount to the central pension fund. Some of those in the lowest income brackets would be unable to place as much in the fund as they would later take out in pensions. As a result, others would contribute more than they would ultimately receive.

The cost of pensions, now reckoned at about a million dollars a day, will be provided by three separate taxes. The present income tax will be increased on July 1, 1952, by 2 per cent to raise about \$95 millions but in no case will any income tax payer contribute more than \$60 a year through this channel.

Only the income tax increase can be called a direct contribution toward the cost of pensions but that contribution will come from a minority of the income earners of the nation. Less than half the earners of income pay income taxes. A majority is exempted and thus will make no contribution toward its pensions through the income tax channel.

It is evident, comments the Free Press, that the Government at first considered the possibility of making the whole scheme directly contributory by charging it to income tax and by making that tax, so far as pension costs are concerned, universal for all income earners, or nearly so. This plan apparently was abandoned, for both financial and political reasons.

Hence the decision to tax corporations and to earmark part of the sales tax for pension purposes.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Back to "business as usual" after a hectic week-end.

The Province, its attractions and industries got much well-deserved publicity through the Royal Visit.

Many in days to come will be able to tell their children and children's children of the part they played, even as spectators, on the occasion of the Royal Visit.

Sheep breeders will be interested to learn that a champion Swaledale shearing ram was sold at Kirkby Stephen, Westmorland for \$1,560.

Let winter come when it may, Princess, Elizabeth could come here from making a Churchill-like snowman in Quebec and plant a Royal oak in the bare and unfrozen ground.

There is a Job-like touch to Trade Minister Howe's comforting reflection that there is no cause for alarm at British dollar-saving measures because no smaller amounts of goods "can be taken from Canada."

British aircraft designers have introduced a periscope for planes consisting of a sextant which can be raised and lowered on the same principal as a submarine periscope. It is being fitted into new aircraft in place of the raised "astrodome".

Elizabeth Cleghorn Gaskell, English novelist, died this date 1865. "Mary Barton", a novel of factory life, made her famous. Her "Cranford" (in Household Words) was a series of exquisite studies of village life.

Mr. Pat Conroy, former secretary-treasurer of the Canadian Congress of Labour is mentioned as a possible successor to Mr. Arthur MacNamara, Deputy Minister of the Department of Labour whose retirement has been postponed at the request of the Government.

An aircraft carrier to boast about. A new \$50 million aircraft carrier, the H.M.S. Eagle, joins the British Navy this month. She is 803 feet long with a beam of 112 feet and a displacement of 36,800 tons, armaments are 20 guns and 61 small anti-aircraft guns, and she will carry 100 aircraft and a crew of 2,750.

A spokesman for the Department of National Health and Welfare says that Canadians, as shareholders in the National Parks of Canada, can only collect dividends by holidaying in the parks. If all the shareholders decided to collect like that there would hardly be more than standing room for tourists, much less the wild creatures now enjoying hospitality.

There, is of course nothing to be had for nothing as was shown in a recent calculation that the ideally systematic taxpayer could personally save more than the value of the old age benefits which are supplied out of his taxes. It might have been added that if he died at the age of 69 he would have almost have accumulated the given amount whereas his tax money has gone forever.

A recent address by Mr. W. Frank Jones, past president of the National Dairy Council and head of the Borden Company, cited figures to show that the average industrial worker can buy about twice as much milk and nearly 20 per cent more butter with an hour's work today than he could in 1939. Both Mr. Jones and Mr. McMillan emphasize that the average price of milk in Canada has risen barely more than half as much percentage-wise as the prices of foods in general.

Mr. Cyril Hankinson, chief registrar of Britain's leading families, is wondering whether Canadians are suffering from a rush of blue blood to the head. Every time the postman knocks nowadays at Hankinson's book-lined office on the Strand there's another letter from a Canadian who wants to know whether he's bred in the blue of kings or nobles. All this panting after pedigrees (says Canadian Press) is a little disconcerting to Hankinson, who is behind schedule with his work on Debrett's Peerage—an annual 3,200-page directory of Britain's best families, sometimes called the Bible of the Blue Bloods.

And Now Homeward



The Poet's Corner

ARCTURUS IN AUTUMN

When in the gold October dusk, I saw you near to setting, Arcturus, bringer of spring, Lord of the summer nights, leaving us now in autumn. Having no pity on our withering; Oh, then I knew at last that my own autumn was upon me, I felt it in my blood. Restless as dwindling streams that still remember The music of their flood.

There in the thickening, dark a wind-bent tree above me Loosed its last leaves in flight— I saw you sink and vanish, pitiless Arcturus, Arcturus. You will not stay to share our lengthening night. —Sara Teasdale.

Old Charlottetown

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Rookery Square, was opened for Divine Service on Sunday last. The forenoon and evening services were numerously attended by persons of various denominations. The Rev. George W. Hodgson, the officiating clergyman, preached two excellent sermons; and the collections for the day amounted to \$30. —The Islander, July 18, 1869.

The Reality

For a hundred years the world had a vision of society in which full employment, social justice, the rights and dignity of labor, the abolition of colonial status, and the establishment of brotherhood between the nations would all be accomplished by doing away with the frictions, contradictions, the inequalities inherent in private ownership. For close on a hundred years, it was impossible to test the Utopian claim, at first because no Communist state existed, and later because its experiment was too new and its secrets too well guarded to make judgment possible. Since 1945, however, the Soviet system has been exposed to clinical examination by pressing out beyond its own frontiers and extending its control to peoples such as the Czechs, whose traditions and way of life bear the western stamp. The result of this exposure has been catastrophic to Soviet claims.

The economic stability offered has proved to be the stability of a total war or prison economy. The status of the workers is reduced to that of a helot under trade unions that act as slave masters for the state, or, worse still, under the inhuman regimentation of the labor camp. The vaunted brotherhood between nations has ended in the ugly nationalist brawl with Yugoslavia. The claim to abolish imperialism has degenerated into an imperialist control over all Eastern Europe's resources that even Britain in its imperialist heyday never ventured in Asia. Above all the older wisdom of the West which, before the nineteenth century's obsession with economics, warned men of the infinite dangers of absolute power has been put all over again (and most horribly) by the excesses of the Soviet dictatorship.

Notes By The Way

Something has gone out of the pure natural glory of the flower show with that award of a first prize to an English gardener who showed dyed chrysanthemums.—Ottawa Journal.

Training high school youngsters to drive safely is paying dividends in B. C. It's more than luck and even juvenile good sense that has stopped the "teenicide" wave from hitting B.C. With B.C. traffic deaths up to 66.2 percent, and injuries 34.8 percent, over last year, every good driver is a positive blessing on the road. So it's heartening to hear our youngsters aren't killing themselves with insane "I dare you" automobile stunts, and that "deaths caused by immature judgment and daring young drivers" are rare in this province.—Vancouver Sun.

The announcement that Miss Ava Gardiner and Mr. Frank Sinatra have obtained a marriage license will be generally welcomed. To those whose interest in movie people is not insatiable, reports on the obstacles to the couple's happiness have become a bore. It is a reasonable expectation that no more will be heard of them until one becomes an obstacle to the other's happiness.—Ottawa Citizen.

A Saskatchewan farmer claims that government and other agencies who try to estimate the size of Western grain crops ought to give up, because, he says, they're always out by millions of bushels. What irks him is that (as he says) they consistently err on the high side, which gives an inflated idea of supplies and tends to depress the price. Perhaps this Western critic would be appeased if the forecasters began pitching their figures on the low side. For there is nothing a farmer hates more than the world to be told he has a bumper crop.—Ottawa Citizen.

Ex-Queen Amelie of Portugal has died in France at the age of 86, and her passing has recalled how she became known as one of the saddest figures in European history. She was born in exile in England after her father, of the French royal line, had been banished from France. Her family knew the friendship of Queen Victoria and the young Princess proved her industry by taking a course in nursing, unusual for a royal personage of the time. In must answer the charge of imperialist exploitation.

In the West, new patterns of mutual aid and of increasingly disinterested help are taking the place of the old relationships. The E.C.A. has become the symbol of the first nation in the world to achieve economic leadership without imposing any form of imperial control.

1886 she wed the Duke of Braganza, who became King Carlos, of Portugal and she was with him in 1908 when he and their son, Crown Prince Luiz, were assassinated while driving through a Lisbon street. Two years later an insurance policy forced her to flee to England with her other son, King Manuel, who died suddenly of a throat complaint in 1932. Her life began in exile, ended in exile and in its years was much pain. It was a long life and it makes mockery of the wish we often hear, that a woman or a girl may be "as happy as a queen".—Ottawa Journal.

Canadian football is getting into a queer state. In Toronto last Saturday an Ottawa player sitting on a bench saw a Toronto man running clear for a touchdown. He tossed off his parka, ran on to the field and tried to stop him. This performance threw the bemused officials into a state. They didn't know what penalty to impose. The Ottawa coach applauded his player and said it showed he had his heart in the game. This opens the door to far wider and more spectacular developments. If it is all right for one extra player to move in on the game, why not two or three or more? Why shouldn't the whole bench throw itself into action? This may be frowned on, but the Ottawa team has opened the door and the Big Four can follow through. The only flaw is that football ceases to be a game. But that may not worry the promoters, so long as the gates hold up.—Montreal Daily Star.

It was nice that, before completing their Canadian tour, Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip encountered a real Canadian snow storm. It converted the sylvan retreat, where they enjoyed a brief respite in the Laurentians, to a veritable Christmas-card scene of beauty. Snow, of course, is not unknown in the United Kingdom, particularly in the highlands of Scotland. Sometimes there even are snow storms which, because of their infrequency, play havoc with transportation and services. But snow over there usually is desultory, here today, gone tomorrow—something like in Windsor. But snow in the Laurentians, and even in the snow belt of Ontario, is really snow. When it cloaks mountains, lakes and forests it provides one of the most beautiful of natural panoramas. The Royal couple reached Canada early enough to see the colored glory of our forests as the leaves changed. We are glad they also experienced a typical Canadian snow fall. These are things they won't forget, long after most of the ceremonies that cluttered their trip have been forgotten.—Windsor Daily Star.

(2) Rochdale cooperation, alone on a purely voluntary basis, whether organized locally or as a Federation has never, in any area, provided a satisfactory solution to farm marketing problems. There are always a few objectors and a few unreliable members. And too, in a great many cases, a cooperative is just not the most suitable business unit. There are many places where honest and well-meaning private business men can do a better and more efficient job. But they too need protection and some security in marketing and these can be provided only through a central marketing organization established by the producers themselves under permissive legislation with powers to regulate.

Farm organizations, generally speaking, were first organized as promotional and educational media. In our present economy, however, they have had to assume the role of a negotiating agency or pressure groups for agriculture. Farmers have had to do this in order to get a fair share of consideration with governments; and a special organization was necessary for placing the facts of the story before the public. Farmers' Unions in most countries of Europe are strong, smooth-working, and active organizations. In addition to carrying on research negotiations with government and industry, and dealing with day to day problems, they publish their own national newspapers (sometimes jointly with the central cooperative organizations) and finance and promote cooperative education in the form of schools, correspondence courses, and by radio. Often the field work is done on a joint basis with the cooperatives. In Denmark, all the agricultural field work is done through the different farm organizations. The government pays half the salary and travelling expenses of any qualified man of the central dairy cooperative, the bacon producers, the potato producers, the Farmers' Union, the farm youth organizations, etc. The local branch is generally based on the parish unit, or sometimes on areas taking in two or three parishes. The membership fees are usually based on land acreage, with different rates for arable land and forest areas. The fee is usually high enough to pay for several services, including the newspaper, and (in some countries) farmers' accident insurance policies.

Lessons From Europe In Community Progress

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COOPERATIVE MARKETING

In France, the wine producers have a well organized system of co-operatives for purchasing, processing and marketing. In Sweden, as a result of an overall co-operative marketing system which that nation has developed, and because there is little exporting or importing of food, controls or regulated marketing is not so necessary. There is the simple procedure of developing and distributing their own products in an orderly way within their own country.

Practically all dairy products are handled through the cooperatives, and, as a result of this, they have developed many new by-products, such as sweet cheese and cheese sandwich spread. By education and advertising the cooperatives have increased the milk consumption in the City of Stockholm to the point where the average consumption in the city is now one and one-half pints per person per day.

This is in addition to the cultured milk, whipped cream, and the large quantities of vitaminized milk that is used. Furthermore, they have installed new butter-making machinery into which the cream is poured at one end, and a few minutes later, blocks of butter, all neatly wrapped, and stamped, come out at the other end and are conveyed to the refrigeration compartment without being touched by human hands. Dairy cooperatives have opened milk bars in most of the large cities and towns, and they have followed the English policy of providing cheaper milk to factory lunch counters.

In Westphalia, one of the large agricultural provinces in Western Germany, the dairy central has developed a special flavoring to mix with milk or buttermilk, which encourages children to drink this wholesome beverage. Central storage facilities have been developed and a simplified payment system arranged. In some cases a uniform advance payment is made, according to the grade of the milk, for the whole season, and then the balance is related to the farmers at the end of the term.

In some places, too, instead of the farmer receiving his milk returns directly, a statement is sent with the can, and a blanket cheque for the area to the local Raiffeisen bank where the amount of each farmer's dairy returns is credited to his personal account. A simplified book-keeping system saves time and encourages farmers to do their business with the cooperative bank. This checking system assists the farmers to keep his accounts straight and to make out his personal statements.

We shall not go into this question further. The purpose of this short review was to point out two features: (1) that specialized co-operation in the marketing and distribution of farm products in countries where the movement is really successful and where it is the confidence and backing of all the farmers, is the pattern most widely followed. Cooperatives must, of course, be set up differently, in deficiency areas and exporting areas. But, in either case, money for financing research, further developments, buying up inefficient plants, and converting them to other uses and maintaining an educational program for both the producers and the consumers, is easily and readily available.

The central board of directors receives a grant from the government and usually some help from the Farmers' Union to carry on their work. In those cases, of course, their programs and large projects have to be approved by a committee representing the Farmers' Union, the Ministry of Agriculture, and some other responsible person, usually from the field of adult education, who is in close touch with rural conditions. (To be continued)

CANADIAN HEAT

MONTREAL.—(CP)—Prof. Raymond Kilbansky of McGill University, returning from conferences in Paris, said he had warned Europeans about "the over-heated dry atmosphere of many of our buildings and dwellings." In winter, Most Europeans suffer from cold buildings, he explained.

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