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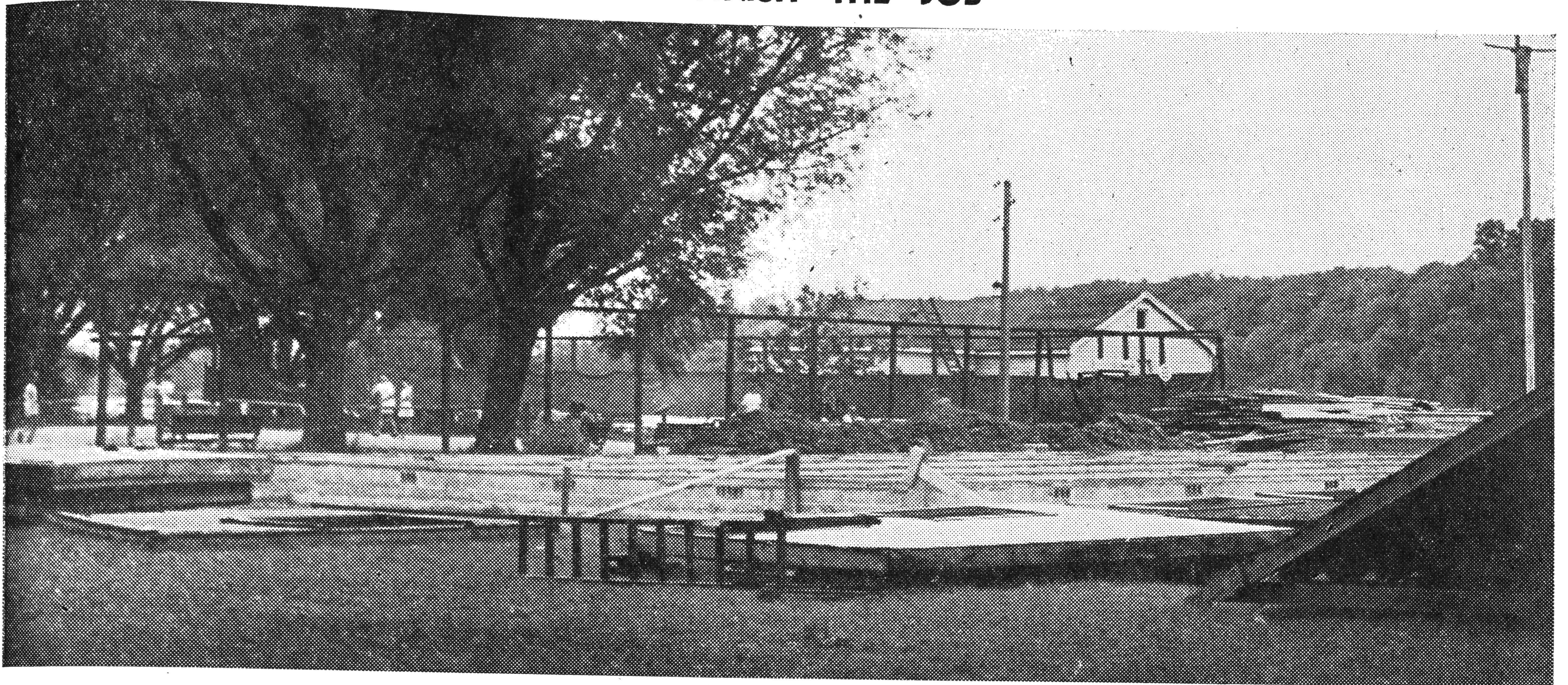
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"LET'S FINISH THE JOB"



CLUBHOUSE SITE LOOKING NORTHWEST, AUGUST 10th

Photo By G. H. Lofts

## "LET'S FINISH THE JOB"

### BUILDING FUND CAMPAIGN OPENS TOMORROW

(By Harold B. Aitken)

"Let's Finish the Job" was selected as our campaign slogan by the committee who met at 290 Lake Shore recently to draw up plans for raising \$6,000, the estimated cost of converting our recently acquired building into a club house.

The committee, consisting of Mrs. Mary Hodgson and Messrs. Frank Redican, Ben Oldfield, Craig Fraser, Marsh Jennings, Cec. Parsons, and Harold Aitken, agreed very readily to Craig Fraser's suggestion of a well-planned campaign of two or three weeks' duration, accompanied by the publicity and special events which invariably have produced successful results in the city.

The Island has been divided into three divisions for canvassing purposes. The central division includes the east side of Shiwassie to the corner of Lake Shore and Clandeboye, under the chairmanship of R. T. Smith.

Cec. Parsons will use his experience of many Victory Loan campaigns and act as chairman of the western division, and the eastern division, starting at Clandeboye and continuing to Pontiac Avenue, will be under the supervision of Harry E. Fenn, of 262 Lake Shore.

The response to the request for canvassers and organizers has been excellent and, in addition to the names previously mentioned, the following Islanders are interesting themselves in this work: Alan Cox, Pat Hacker, Trevor Hawgood, Dick Lennox, Gerry Mallon, Harry Mole, Eric Plant, Howard Rawlings, George Slade, Alf Trudeau and W. Wheadon.

Commencing Saturday, August 17th, you may expect to receive a call from your neighbourhood rep-

#### THANKS, KIDS

Three youngsters, John Mallon, Elizabeth Turnbull, and Jackie Dierden, raised nearly five dollars the other day for the Island Outpost. The money was turned over to Alan Howard to 'buy something for the men there, as he looks after those arrangements for the Association.

representative, armed with an official receipt book, who will seek to separate you from a little of your hard-earned folding money.

A list of contributions will be published in this paper each week as the campaign proceeds, and your caller will ask your permission to allow your name to be published.

However, if your natural modesty forbids this privilege, you could provide an alias, nom-de-plume, or what have you, which would identify your donation.

The representative who calls on you is a busy man (or lady, if you happen to reside in the Pawnee-

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### Island Brownies

(By Brown Owl)

Four new Browniekins came to the Pack meeting on Tuesday. The others who had been there before showed Elizabeth Luke, Sandra Ward, Bunny and Helen Sharpe how to put on their Brownie smiles.

All the Browniekins learned to fold their ties and started to learn a new dance.

The Browniekins are asking their mothers' permission to accompany Brown Owl and Tawny Owl to Riverdale Zoo on Saturday.

An unofficial aspect of the meeting was a visit from numerous small boys who expressed a great interest in Wolf Cubs. How about it someone?

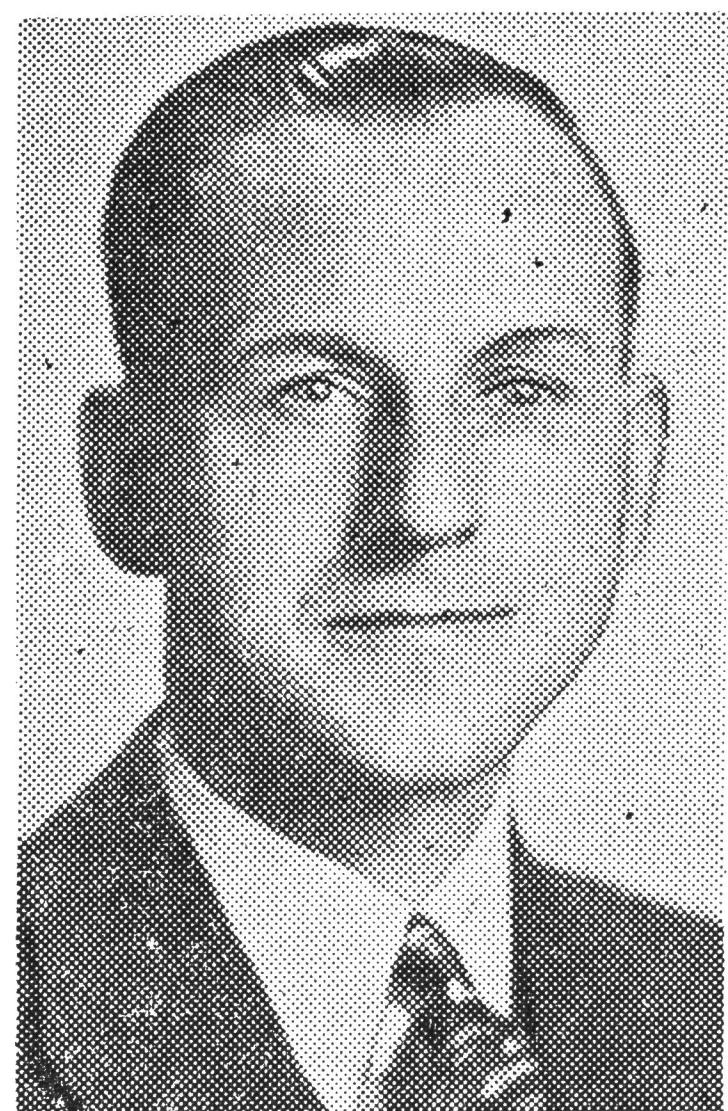
## PROFILES

### Island Merchant

Percy Charles Hughes was born at Kilworth, a village five miles south of Gravenhurst, on February 27, 1904. His father, who had emigrated from Wales, operated a saw-mill in the village. There were nine children in the family—six boys and three girls—all of whom went to the village school. Perc left school at the age of 12, having finished public school, and worked in the mill. In 1920, after the death of his father, the family left Kilworth and came to Toronto. Perc worked for his brothers in their store on the Island (located where the Gift Shop is now) in the summer and in their city stores in the winter. Perc says that he "came into the picture as a junior clerk" in this tobacconist-barber shop owned by his brothers, Jim and Clarence. However, in the second year, Perc took the responsibility of the store.

In 1924 the Island store was moved into what is now the south half of his present stationery and tobacco store. In 1926 Perc married Pearl Sweat, of Byng Inlet. He continued to manage the store until 1933, when he bought out Jim and Clarence and put in the beauty parlor—in the approximate location of his present little office. Henry Argent, the Island mover, had an office in

what now corresponds to the north half of the stationery store, and Perc and his wife lived in two rooms at the back of the store. When Argent left, a delicatessen went in for one year, to be followed by the Do-



minion Bank. This summer branch, the first and only one ever established on the Island, was closed down after five years, for unknown

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## On The Summer Air

(By Brandt Johnston)

"Tops in Pops". What's new in the world of "pops"? Don Drake tells you the complete hit parade story daily from 1.05-2.00 p.m. CKEY . . . The globe-trotting story seeker, Claire Wallace, just back from a 1,000-mile jaunt to Mexico, returns to the air-waves with her thrice-weekly program, "They Tell Me," on August 19. Her broadcast will be heard Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1.30 p.m. over CBL . . . Monday, August 19th, and continuing throughout the Fall and Winter, CFRB listeners will hear the popular "Jack Smith Show" every evening at 7.15, Monday through Friday. A veteran radio performer, Smith opened the show in August, 1945, and has become one of the most popular singers on the air. He has been singing professionally since he was sixteen, when he and two friends formed a singing group—"The Three Ambassadors", and followed Bing Crosby's famous "Rhythm Boys" into Hollywood's Coconut Grove.

An interview with Lou Bates, prominent in England as a hockey coach, will be a feature of the August 22nd broadcast of "Foster Hewitt Reporting", heard Thursdays at 8.30 p.m., CJBC. Mr. Bates, a Canadian, formerly of Ottawa and now a resident of London, is in Canada to line up players for an

English ice-hockey league. Warren Stevens, University of Toronto coach, and former U.S. football star, will also be interviewed on the broadcast. . . . Replacing CFRB's news commentator, John Collingwood Reade, who will be away on holiday, C.B.S. correspondent Farnsworth Fowls, on his way home after 14 months of reporting from Moscow, will do a special series of five broadcasts on the topic "Life in



A. E. POWLEY, C.B.C. Russia," Monday through Friday, (Continued on Page 4)

## SUNDAY NIGHT RALLY

Movies & Sing Song At 8:30  
Clubhouse Site On Long Pond

The opening gun in the Building Fund Campaign will be a rally at the Association's property on Long Pond (behind the Firehall) at 8.30 on Sunday night. There will be movies, a sing-song, and a brief address by our president outlining the progress of the building to date, together with the reasons for this campaign.

Get behind the Building fund campaign, arrange to go yourself and bring your friends. Let's finish the job. There'll be no admission or collection.

### HUTSON'S REVISIT ISLAND

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hutson and daughter, Linda (aged 4), are spending several weeks at the home of J. Maitland (Mate) Macintosh, at 242 Lake Shore, in the absence of the Macintoshes, who are on vacation. Harry rented the Barnes house, "The Little House", on Chip-pawa several years ago.

### Bicycle Parking Tickets

1946 parking tickets will not be valid next summer, so don't stock up.



## From A Manitou Window

(By Norma Hughes)

Well, here I am back again. . . . I should like to thank the many people who have given me their congratulations on my column. . . . If anyone has any news or opinions that they wish to have printed, it would be greatly appreciated if you would slip a letter or note into the "Centre Islander Box" outside of "Hughes Marketeria" (and that isn't a plug) or else let me know and I'll gladly place it in my column. . . . I noticed, and others, too, were glad to see, that the police force had a man on the street nearly all day Sunday. . . . I have been asked by different people to state in my column about the main street's paper and garbage situation. It has been suggested to me that waste paper boxes be placed on the street (at the end of the day, if you notice, Manitou looks like Sunnyside for paper, etc.). . . . Many remarks have been heard about "The Centre Islander." People seem to think that it is much better now than ever before. City people and strangers are very much surprised to find that we have a paper with such a large circulation. Many are bought for souvenirs. . . . I notice that Hiram Heffeneffer mentioned in one of his columns last week the new lighting system for Manitou, which will be a great change.

Now for a bit of foolish gossip. . . . A going-away party was held Friday night for Denby Dennison. . . . Joan Richards celebrated her birthday on Saturday night by staying on the Island and having a gay time with a few Island friends.

Who were the happy kids who were singing in front of Willow Lodge on Saturday night (nice work, kids). . . . Who was the character who was trying to give a fair damsel a piggy-back ride on Saturday night (he wasn't making much of a success out of it, but if he had dropped those racquets he might have done fine). . . . Next time, Reilly, you will keep your eyes off Pierson Hotel and, by the way, how did the lipstick get on you and whose was it? . . . There's a certain man on the Island who just loves garlic; I should think that it would be most embarrassing for him. . . . The stork has visited Mr. and Mrs. Collins and left a baby

girl. Congratulations, and I hope both mother, baby and father are fine. . . .

Will someone please inform me

## Some Like It Straight

(By Lou McCartney)

We are definitely in a beefing mood this week. Remembering the good old days when everybody used to show up at the Islanders' dances at the Casino and really raise the roof, we wonder what has happened to the old Island spirit. We feel that in one respect the Centre Island Association has been rather neglectful. Admittedly, it's easy to criticize from the sidelines and we confess that this column is strictly from beefing, but we refuse to be intimidated by dirty looks and rude remarks to the effect that this guy McCartney is no guy to talk. What we want to know is how can we expect people to wax enthusiastic over our association unless we give them something to enthuse about? We do not mean to belittle the fine work of the C.I.A. in waking up the City Hall to many much-needed improvements in our community. Miracles have been worked in that direction. We are also the proud possessors of a budding clubhouse. Fine. But, as any grey-haired, beer-bellied old politician will tell you, the people want to be entertained and hang the expense. We do not suggest that we should blow all our available scratch on champagne for the common man, but we respectfully suggest that we might have

as to who did the dirty work in love to Ronnie Johnson, as he informed me that he is a woman hater. . . . So long now, as I have to leave to see if I can find some more gossip for next week, and watch yourself, for it may be about you.

## TEEN TALK

Poem of the Week

Who's that making such a pair,  
Seen together everywhere?  
One is dark and one is fair;  
Why, Joyce and Don, I do declare!

Chit Chat

In spite of the rain, fun was had by all who attended the Beachcombers Bash, Part II, sponsored by Rags Johnson.

Why does Janet McLay frequently make bacon instead of tomato sandwiches? Has she fallen in love?

Who is our little muscle-man who can barely lift 20 pounds above his shoulders? Don't worry, we still love you, Ginger!

We're sorry to hear the Norrie family is moving to Florida next Monday. We'll sure miss you all! Why is Gwen Wilson often seen

in front of Wetzel's? Could it be she likes their hamburgers?

Who is the cute little redhead working at Skene's? Who else but June Orrock? Hope you like it, June.

Right here we would like to congratulate Norma Hughes on her new column. It was very good last week and we know it will be just as good in the following issues of the Islander.

Our famous little "burper", Jimmy Jones, when he wants to dance, bel-lows "JUNE" across the dance floor and whistles till his lungs screech with him.

Every Monday night the Casino is open to all teen-age Islanders for free dancing to records. Thanks all go to Ken Hutton.

Song of the Week

"Surrender," by Woody Herman

## News Of St. Andrew's BY-THE-LAKE

(By William Wright)

Next Sunday is the annual Harvest Thanksgiving service, with Bishop A. R. Beverley, Suffragan Bishop of Toronto, the guest preacher. The church must be decorated and any men or women who would like to help may come to the rectory at 2 p.m. Saturday. All fruits and vegetables being donated must be at the rectory, 390 Lakeshore, by 12.00 o'clock noon. Also they still may try and hang the stuff from hooks in the beams and rafters. Incidentally, at 2 p.m. on Saturday, there is to be a wedding in the church, at which time any work for the decorating of the church will be done outside, if possible.

PROFILES

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reasons.

Perc then rented the space from Ginn and moved the beauty parlor into it—in front of where it is now. In the winter of 1938-39 Perc bought the whole building, together with the Marketeria to the south (then occupied by the Dominion Store) from Ginn.

In the winter of 1939-40, Perc was very busy redesigning the north store, moving the beauty parlor to its present location in the back, extending the barber shop, and fixing up the front of the store with its handsome vitrolite finish and colored lettering.

The Dominion Store's lease ran until 1941, when Perc took over their business and opened up on April 1, 1942. In previous times, in line with most Island businesses, the store had closed during the winter, but from then on the Marketeria never closed. It is Perc's wish to keep the north (stationery) store open in winter also, but he does not expect to be able to do so this winter.

Perc had had no previous experience in the meat and grocery business. However, when the Dominion Store's lease expired and they decided not to continue, he says that he "owned the building, the Dominion Store had given it up and times were tough to get help to run it. There was no gamble in taking it over and I wasn't a bit afraid of it—had a pretty good idea of what could be done—so we jumped in and got our feet wet."

When he started, he had a butcher, fruitman, junior clerk, and

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## YOUR ISLAND GARDENS

(By F. J. Walter)

Zinnias are now making a fine showing, and in both dwarf and tall types there are great varieties of colour. Here we have a plant that gives some very fine blooms very easily grown, and they always repay one by being a most suitable flower for indoor decoration, a little stiff maybe, but yet very effective. I have noticed in the flower bed at the docks some very fine specimens and the Mexican Dwarf especially is making a grand showing. This particular bed is, I think, looking beautiful just now with such a variety of colour. Just glance at this bed (if not in too much hurry to catch the boat) and take note of anything that appeals to you, and if you do not know the name, and would like to do so, ask any of the Parks Department friends and I am sure they will be most willing to advise or help you.

To those who invested in a package of dwarf dahlia seeds this year results are beginning to appear. Here we have a very compact plant giving an abundance of bloom, and some of outstanding beauty. I have seen both single and double ones already, and some others entirely different to our usual dahlias, so I would advise those who have not yet done so to invest in some for next season.

Keep the cultivator moving, as the hot sun dries the ground up and hardens the surface, and so the rain cannot penetrate, and if, in the absence of rain, you have to get the hose out, always give the ground a good soaking. In dry weather a sprinkle once a week is not at all sufficient, as it does not get down to the roots.

There is plenty of work to keep the gardener busy these days. A good many of our favourite flowers have passed their prime, and attention is needed in many parts of the garden. A careful check-up will bring to notice many plants that need cutting back and the spent blooms removed. In some cases where plants have been attacked by insects, and a few that have not developed, begin to show signs of withering or looking sickly, it is best to pull these out to

burn, if possible.

Keep a sharp eye out for caterpillars, the brown one is very active just now. I have noticed a good number of these around, and I hope we are not going to have a repetition of a few years ago, when on many an occasion people going to the city would find them dropping from the trees, and often also find that they were inadvertently carrying one to the city on their clothes. Destroy all you find in your gardens, as they are a dread pest and can do a lot of damage. They choose favourite hiding places under big leaves, such as zinnias and any climbing vines. A good dusting with the right kind of powder will help keep the attacks down.

August is a good month in which to go over your lawns. The Island, being mostly sand, the ants are always liable to show up and cause unsightly mounds. These can be checked by using carbon bisulphide pouring it into the holes from an oil can. Keep away from fire and cover treated mounds with wet paper. Gasoline is sometimes recommended, but you will find this will kill the grass and cause unsightly patches.

I am again going to ask for willing helpers. After taking a look around the new Club House, which is growing apace, I noticed where a

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## West Of Manitou

(By Jean Caulfield)

I hope you didn't notice who it's by this week, but the pressroom has been moved to Room 27 of you know where. Yolande got a bad case of writer's cramp and has asked me to take over while she's attending the chiropractor—so here goes . . .

I might say, as you'll no doubt find out, that this is kind of new

to me, and I don't know now to start (or finish, either) and what's more, I'm not a poet.

For all you hand-Happy "Domestiques" (is that the word, Marcel?) Mother McCarrell has finally been bribed into contributing the now famous and much-sought-after recipe for his salad dressing:

### Recipe For One Carload

- 100 tablespoons corn starch
- 200 teaspoons mustard
- 100 teaspoons salt
- 25 cups sugar
- 200 eggs
- 50 cups vinegar
- 125 cups of milk (or any cow full)
- 100 tablespoons butter.

This recipe should be enough for four seasons at the Island and, after eating the above, you will never ask for salad dressing for the rest of your life! (Say Stu and Marcel). This salad dressing could be used for snake bites, sore throat, and athlete's foot—and, incidentally, it's good with potato salad!

Thanks, Elwood.

Janet Cochrane is back after visiting Quebec. Hope you enjoyed your trip, Janet.

I hear from reliable sources that the "Beach Combers Bash," part TWO, was a huge success. A good time was had by all, even during the rain. Have you got that new suit yet, Eric? ? ?

Eddy Rudd has been seen around with a terrific tan this summer—was it the sun in the morning or the moon at night, Eddy? ? ?

Stu Tyndall returned to us and the tennis court after holidaying at Deer Lodge—it's a small world—he ran into Jeanne Stephens, who arrived there just as Stu was leaving.

Bill Winters captured some lovely water lilies in the Lagoon on Sunday, but Bill, you didn't have to dive in with your clothes on to get them!

The String Quartette of our Tennis Courts—you know who I mean, Bill, Bob, Don and Jacques—are all down Montreal way; the tennis courts seem kind of quiet without them . . .

I've heard it rumoured that Jim Murray and Phil are going steady. Everyone agrees with me that they sure make a swell couple—keep it that way, kids! (says Dorothy Dix).

Who is the tall, blonde, and slightly terrific Male that June Ralph has been importing? ? ? ?

Another social evening is the Baseball Dance on the Deck tonight—so, boys, don't forget to bring your bats—or, as Spike Jones would say—"Where are you—you old Bat?"

A number of the Lodgers from you know where deserted the place Saturday to be guests of Norm Ruebottom at the R.C.Y.C. . . . Sorry to see our big, strong, silent Norm leave on Sunday for the wild west . . . hope you have a nice trip, Norm.

### Things I'd Like to See:

Max McBride spend a week-end at the Island. We will assure you a good time, Max.

A corn roast. (How about it, Eric?)

The Clubhouse!  
Don McClardy without his bicycle.

Caroline Hamill at the docks to watch the 8.20 boat come in—it's a wonderful sight to see, Caroline, and you just have to leave 369 about nine minutes earlier!

Well, they tell me that writer's cramp is contagious, so I'll leave now, wishing you all a good week-end!

## Notes From Very Young Reporters

### Sunday School Picnic

Last Sunday was the Sunday School picnic in the park, with supper at the rectory. First we played games and then went back to the rectory to look for silver quarters and afterwards we had supper. Some of the prize-winners were Toni Cox, Peter Jones, Betty Cutting.

### Birthday Party

The Whiskin twins celebrated their 11th birthday on Wednesday, August 7, with a corn roast at the beach, opposite the school. Among the guests were Toni Cox, Gail Jarvis, Bunty Aitken, Marianne Parsons, Patsy Malone, Joanne Rennie,

Shelagh Malone. We all had wieners, corn, coca-cola, cake and toasted buns. We sat around a fire and sang songs, then ended up playing hide-and-seek, and Judy wound up by spraining her ankle again, which was a poor birthday gift from nowhere.

### Poem

(By Betty Cutting)

Where did you get that big red nose?  
And those long and sagging toes?  
Drinking beer, we suppose!  
Where did you get that big red nose?

### Overnight Hike

On Saturday night last the Girl Guides went on an overnight hike to Mugg's Island. It certainly looked like rain and thunder while the Poppy and Trillium Patrols, consisting of Toni Cox, Betty Cutting, the Whiskin twins, Shelagh Malone, Marianne Parsons, and Joanne Rennie kept their fingers crossed. Poor Miss Beveridge, the leader, tugged hard at the oars of the "Princess Royal" to get us there against a strong wind. When we got there we put up our tents, while Mr. Whiskin and Mr. Earle spied on us to see that everything was going to be all right, in case the storm came, but it didn't, so they went home again. We had a campfire and songs and drank chocolate milk and then went to bed. We were home Sunday morning in time for Sunday School, very tired (and no wonder!), but very happy, and hope that we can do it again. We thank Miss Beveridge and Miss McFadden for all the trouble they went to for us.

### Money-Maker

Patsy Malone turned her last cent into \$6.72 at the Street Fair—good for her, but no good for the Association.

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## PASSING PARADE

(By Ian Clarke)

### Names Make News

The safari led to the R.C.Y.C. last Saturday by Norm Ruebottom was an outstanding success. . . . The aftermath came during the mass migration from the second to the first floor to a popular rendezvous. . . . Viewed from our vantage point, what followed must have been one for the books. . . . Bill Winters, on a search for water-lilies, took an involuntary dunking in the lagoon. We always understood orchids were something unique in the way of blooms, and were acquired at somewhat of a cost, but we never did put water-lilies in the same category. . . . They tell us that some of the customers at the weiner roast Friday night became slightly damp—outside, that is. . . . Cheers to Mrs. Joan Richards on her recent birthday; a word of advice to her husband, Harry. . . . North on York from the docks, bear left on Wellington and "you cawn't miss it, old boy, you simply cawn't". . . . Some of us were reminiscing, the others yawning, trying to remember the line-up of the '27 New York Yankees. . . . The troops agreed that it was the greatest baseball club ever assembled as such. We had it all but the third baseman. . . . Then, too, we weren't positive about the catcher. . . . What an outfield! Ruth, Coombes, and Meusel. . . . Gehrig at first, Lazzeri at second, Crossetti at short, and the guy we can't remember at the hot corner. Brother, what an outfit! . . . We see where the Guthries have a new dog. . . . We tried to find out what kind it was, and were told — all kinds. . . . That should learn us to keep our big mouth shut. . . . You should see our co-worker Downbeat Earthy turn it on with those brushes. . . . Buy your tickets on the outside.

### Babble, Babble, Black Sheep

The breakfast club at Tyndall's Drug Emporium is getting quite a play from early and later risers. . . . Increasing numbers of the citizenry planning on remaining here for the winter. . . . Eliza and her by now famous excursions over the ice-floes will be a mere tyro compared to these stout-hearted pioneers. . . .

Does anybody happen to be aware of the location of the character who was responsible for the transcribed People's Credit Jewellers' ditty. . . . A long-suffering radio public would like to know. . . . Someone has suggested a posse to visit the radio station in question, tear it brick from brick until the offending record be found and be utterly destroyed for ever and a day. . . . Dire threats will be issued at the same time to any individual or group of individuals who would dare to perpetrate even a semi-reasonable facsimile by way of the air lanes or any other lanes. . . . Did any of you bobby-soxers give a listen to that old maestro of the keyboard, Lee Sims, Sunday a.m. at a quarter to one? . . . Those gossamer fabrics of melody were a delightful solace to these old ears. . . . Judging by the all-out rave notices on Lawrence Olivier's "Henry V", we had best pick it up early. The cynical critics claim it to be the best ever. . . . The steam shovels have started to gouge out earth in preparation for the erection of a new Odeon Theatre on Carlton, near Yonge. . . . Why don't the Civic Fathers take into consideration the question of erecting a mammoth swimming pool over here? . . . After all, there are only about three or four weeks when people can swim in the lake. . . . There are several suitable locations, but then, we suppose, homes for people are a much more pressing problem. . . . Which reminds me, has anybody an old slightly used dog house we could convert into a winter domicile? . . . It's a very sad situation—so don't laugh, please.

### In Parting—

We hope those guys in Paris can get together, so that neither this nor any other generation will ever see World War III.

### Story Contest Winners' Names

To Be Published in Next Issue  
As we received 21 short stories in our recent contest, the task of judging is difficult and Mrs. Weatherill is having a hard job to decide. However, as soon as possible, the announcement will be made.

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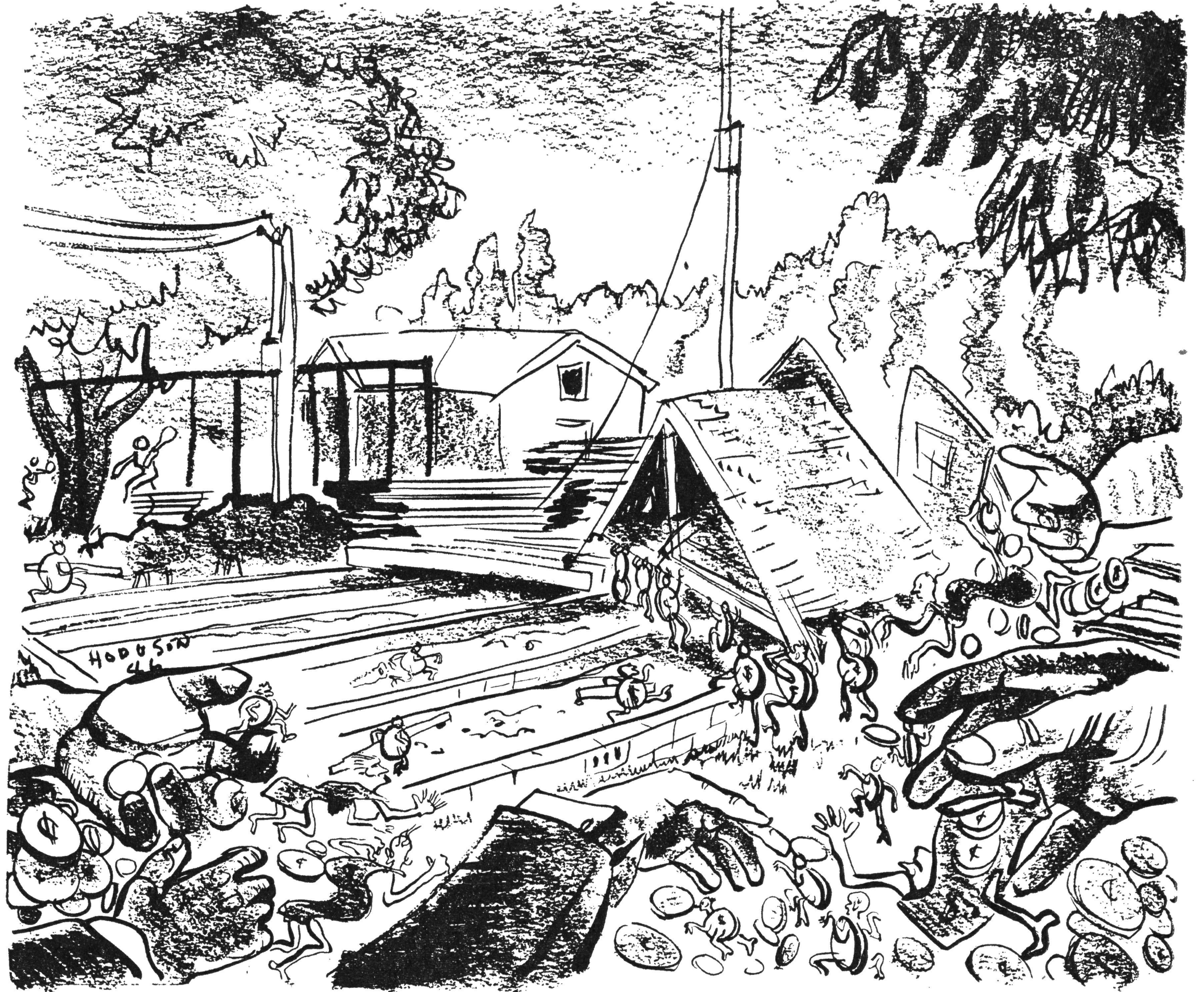
It is perhaps time that our common lethargy be thrown off for a period of straight thinking on this subject of Price Control. Our Prices Board would now appear to be in the nature of a legalized national economic dictatorship quite absolute in its authority. This realization should in itself be sufficiently alarming, but, to lend point to our views, should we not also consider the cost of carrying this giant? What about the salaries that come out of your tax dollar? What about the employee needed in your own small business? Is he or she still working for the Prices Board, drawing more pay than your business could afford to pay, causing your staff extra work through shortage of personnel as well as by the machinations of the price regulations.

What about the rents, light bills, phone bills, taxi bills, etc., of the Prices Board officers, all coming out of your taxes? What about the office space you need and cannot get, the missing telephone and so forth, the stationery and other supplies in demand everywhere, and in very short supply, but still used in quantities by the Prices Board?

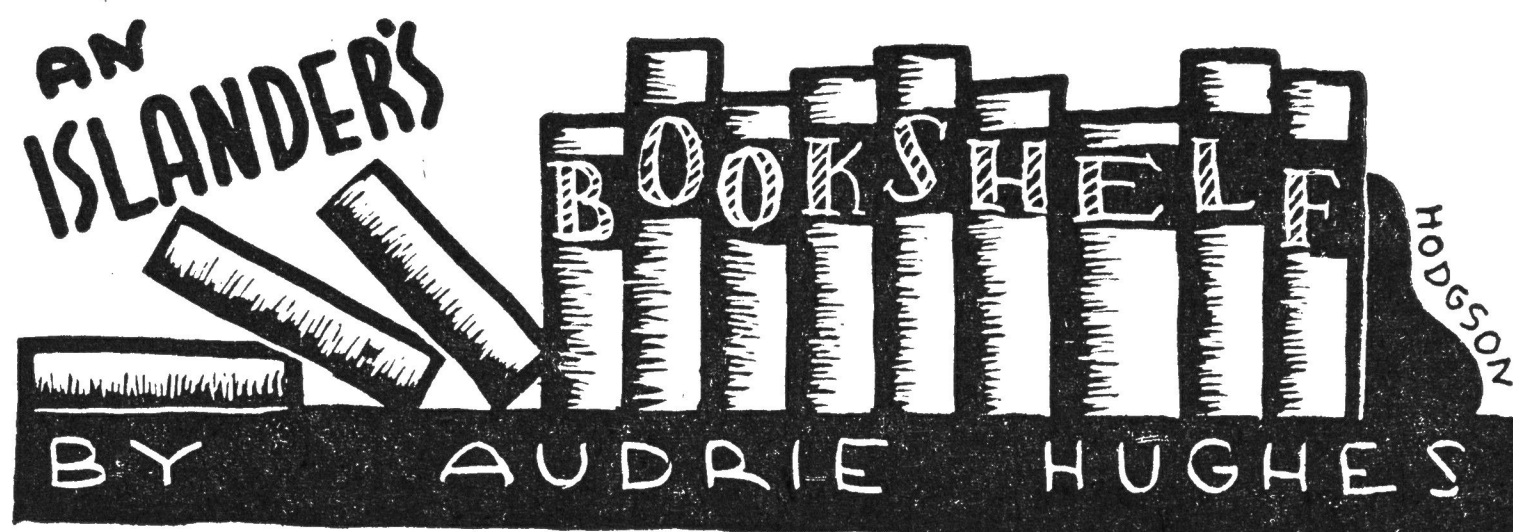
Try to measure the cost of rationing, salaries, printing, paper, bankers' time, storekeepers' time, our time. Another cycle of scarcity caused by the thing designed to share scarcity. Think of the cost of subsidies, the subsidies by means of which alone it has been possible to hold the price line. Take bread alone; how many millions from the Federal Treasury have been paid in subsidies to hold the price? Look at imports. World prices generally are up and as a result we now either do without the products of other parts or through subsidies provide the importer with the necessary funds—the difference between the world price and the Canadian price. It is pretty safe to assume that for every cent held off the price, we pay, due to the cost of control machinery, at least three cents in taxes. It is entirely possible that we might find it much cheaper to pay a higher price for our needs when purchasing and make our saving perhaps threefold and more on our income taxes. A suggestion to reduce administration authority, to dismantle the Prices Board, might make it possible to raise the income tax exemptions materially, thus reducing the number of persons who must file returns. This in turn could effect further saving in the Tax Department which could again reflect in lower tax costs. In time, too, it might be possible to afford and to obtain many of those services, conveniences, and necessities now practically unobtainable under the Price Control.

Freedom and liberty are not only desirable and very much more pleasant than a directed existence, but also, we think, very much cheaper.

—JOHN MEDLAND.



SEND YOUR DOLLARS TO FINISH THE JOB



By Audrey Hughes

One day, over a year ago, I read a book called "Portrait of Jenny". This tender, haunting tale was not a recent novel, but it had a quality of timelessness that would make it always a book of to-day—in any year or any era. This was my first introduction to Robert Nathan—and I discovered that the hold he had taken on my imagination was not unique—anyone who had read his books agreed that to know him was to love him. He is an imaginative story-teller, a practical philosopher, an idealistic realist who writes enchanting tales and fables about human nature. His writing is consistently permeated, not only with honesty, humor, gentle irony and beauty, but there is an inevitable essence of the intangible . . . call it what you will . . . stuff o' dreams, fainness, other-worldness or fantasy, it is ever-present—elusive and intriguing. Through his philosophy, his realism and his satire runs the thread of his yearning for a greater

tolerance and understanding among men.

If, perchance, you have read "Peter Kindred", do not judge Robert Nathan by this, his first novel (which was not successful), but by the ones that followed. "Autumn" is a pastoral about a country school master. "One More Spring" is a love story about some simple folk who had to live in Central Park during the depression years. "The Road of Ages" tells of the trek of the Jews across Europe toward Palestine. With wit and loving kindness the author has given a frank portrayal of these people—their faults and their virtues, their follies and their wisdoms (I humbly suggest this story for the rabidly prejudiced).

"The Barley Fields" is a precious collection of five short novels: The Fiddler in Barley, The Woodcutter's House, The Bishop's Wife Orchid, and There Is Another Heaven. These were all written in the 20's, but like "Jenny", are as new

as to-morrow. This omnibus has an excellent introduction by Stephen Vincent Benet, who describes so much more aptly than I can what the reader of Nathan will sense in his works . . . "a kind of writing of which there is never very much in any one time . . . an airy mockery . . . melancholy—not any inky cloak, but the shadow of a summer cloud, humor that illuminates without destroying . . . an imagination of the heart . . . a sensitive love of life and a deep hatred of all those who would maim and distort it for any end".

Robert Nathan was born in New York City in 1894. He was educated at schools in New York and abroad and at Harvard University, where he was editor of The Harvard Monthly. In 1919, while working in an advertising he published his first novel. Because of his reputation as a master of satiric fantasy in American literature his first editions are prized as collectors' items.

on next week's broadcast of "The Nation's Business," Wednesday, August 21, at 8.30 p.m., CBL. At



HAROLD SYMES

the same time, Ivan Sabourin, K.C., chairman of the executive council of the Progressive party in the province of Quebec, will give a talk on the C.B.C. French network.

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## TREASURY DEPARTMENT (By G. A. Lascelles, Commissioner)

The operations of the Treasury Department of the City of Toronto may be summarized as the receipt and collection of money due the city and the disbursement of funds according to provincial statutes and city by-laws. The head office is located at Room 104, City Hall.

The administrative head of the department is the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer, Mr. G. A. Lascelles, who has over 30 years' experience in dealing with civic matters. He is the principal financial adviser of the Board of Control and City Council, and of the several commissions operating city-owned utilities.

The functions of the Treasury Department are many and varied and for organization purposes the department is divided, as follows: General Office, which includes Head Office—administration of department; funded debt branch—payment of bonds and coupons, transfer, issue, etc.; accounting division—centralized accounting system, etc.; accounting division—centralized accounting system, etc.; paying division—banking, payment of accounts, salaries and wages, etc.; pensions division—administration of fire, police and civic pensions; tax and license revenue division—collection of taxes and issuance of licenses; water revenue division—water service and collection of water revenue; central purchasing and stores division—purchase and storing of commodities for all departments.

### General Office

The general office performs functions more directly connected with the office of the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer, as follows: Compilation of annual estimates of expenditure, and the revenue to meet such expenditure, including capital expenditures and relative funded debt; administration of the city sinking fund, payment of bonds and coupons, and other related matters pertaining to the city's funded debt; payment of accounts, salaries and wages, including arrangements for temporary borrowing as required pending the receipt of revenue for the year; maintenance of centralized accounting system co-ordinating the accounts of all civic departments; safekeeping of trust funds, title deeds to property owned by the city and other documents of value, and custody of the city's corporate seal; administration of the civic employees' pension plan, and fire department and police benefit funds, with custody of respective investments, etc.

### Tax and License Revenue Division

The tax and license revenue division performs functions related to the office of the tax collector and the issuer of licenses, as follows: Preparation of tax accounting record and tax bill, by mechanical methods; and calculation of the tax rates and charges included therein; receipt and collection of the current taxes (during two years from due date) under authority of the tax collector; follow-up and collection of taxes in arrears (over two years in arrears) under authority of the city treasurer, after the tax rolls have been returned by the tax collector, with power to sell the land affected if the taxes are not paid within a specified period; receipt of applications for, and issuance of, licenses after due consideration, of all but a few licenses under the licensing by-laws of the City Council and the Board of Commissioners of Police (the exceptions

being licenses issued by the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Buildings).

### Water Revenue Division

The water revenue division performs functions related to the control of the financial portion of the Toronto Water Works, as follows: Receipt and collection of rates charged for meter service which includes the reading of water meters at regular intervals, and the inspection of premises to ensure that the charges levied in each case are in accordance with the schedule set out in the Water Works By-law; turning on and off of water services as requested by the water-takers of the city, which requires the

coverage of the whole city twice daily by authorized personnel using service cars.

### Central Purchasing and Stores Division

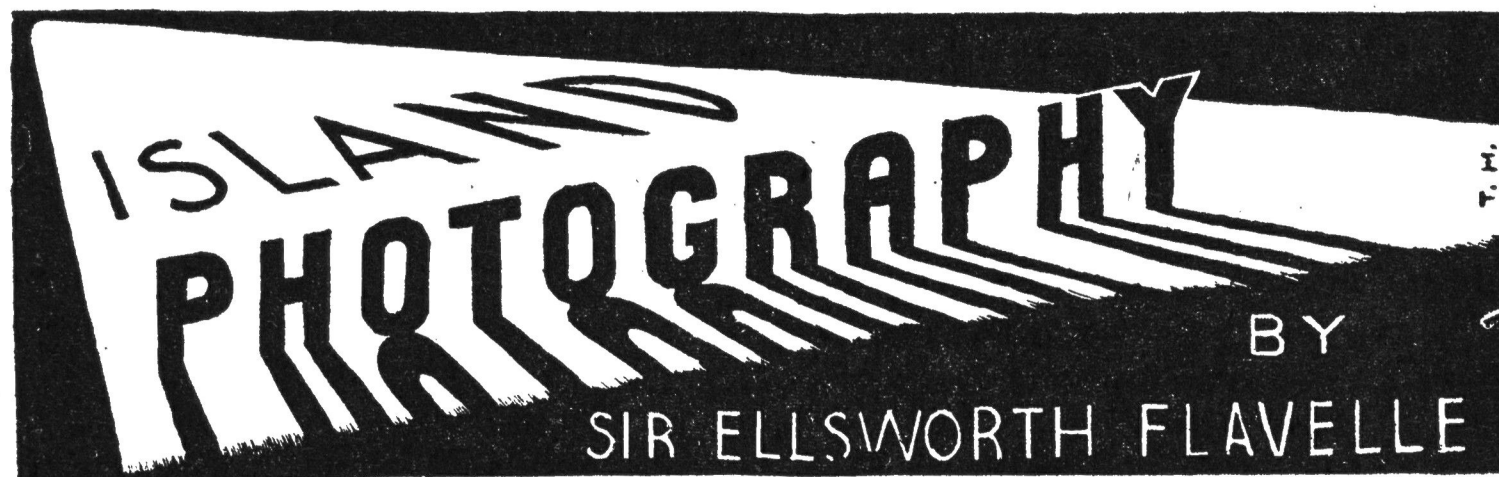
The central purchasing and stores division performs functions related to the control of this agency, which was established in 1945 to perform services previously carried out by each department, according to their respective needs: to purchase all materials, supplies and equipment required by any civil department, according to standard specifications tested as to quality and performance; to maintain storehouses and storeyards for materials, supplies,

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## BERT OLDERSHAW AND CHUCK JOHNSON - WINNERS AT C.C.A.



—Photo by Walter Banks.



Although it cannot be maintained that a light meter is indispensable in good photography, it is certainly true that it is of enormous help. This is much more the case in colour photography (to be referred to in a later issue) than it is in black and white. An incorrect exposure in colour photography will change completely the colour values, which cannot be corrected in the dark-room. Perhaps the greatest use of the meter is as a general index to light values which pertain at the time of taking the picture. By "index", I mean that, having found from several meter readings taken in all directions from any given spot, the photographer can pretty well estimate the correct exposures of several pictures taken at that or a similar spot. It should not be necessary to take a meter reading before every picture of a similar nature in the same general surroundings. But if you have been photographing from a freeless hill in bright sun, and descend suddenly into a shaded valley, the need of revising the reading is obvious.

The most difficult of all exposures to estimate are those over snow. Certain light conditions over water also make a correct estimate of exposure very difficult. Both snow and water are very powerful

reflectors and, in using a meter it is usually wise to accept the very high readings you will find on it.

It is well to remember that, although having taken a reading from an exposure meter, the final decision upon the correct lens opening and shutter speed at which to set the camera must be made by the photographer himself. As a general rule (but only very general) it is wise to expose the meter at an angle of about 45 degrees upwards and then 45 degrees downwards, and take the reading which would come approximately half way between these two as an average reading. As I have said, this is a very general suggestion and should be applied with considerable care.

This article in the Centre Islander marks the end of what might be called the mechanical side of amateur artistic photography. Since June we have been considering, though very superficially, the mechanics of which some knowledge at least is necessary to the photographer. Beginning in the next issue, the other prime factor of artistic photography will be studied. This, to the writer, is by far the most interesting part of all photography and of absolute necessity to the amateur who would make beautiful pictures rather than average snaps. This, known as composition, is in reality the personality you put into your picture. It is and must be your own and it cannot be either taught or learned, for no two people see the same subject for a picture exactly alike. Certain suggestions can be given and possible mistakes can be pointed out, but the Art of composing or arranging your picture (for here photography becomes an Art) is your own part of the undertaking.

Having neither the space in these articles nor the ability and knowledge to treat exhaustively so vast a subject, the writer will confine his remarks to the simplest and

## SUMMER AIR

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Among C.B.C. personnel living on the Island are A. E. Powley, C.B.C. news features editor; Peter Francis, head of the continuity department, and Harold Symes, supervisor of sound effects at the C.B.C. Toronto studios.

Symes is an all-year-round Islander, spending both summer and winter at Hanlan's Point. He's just doin' what comes naturally, for he was born on an island—Guernsey, in the English channel. And he comes by his profession naturally, for his father, a carpenter, made one of the first sound effects doors used by a Canadian radio station. It's still in use. Harold Symes has been in radio since 1928, as technical operator and then as sound effects specialist. He holds sway

over a laboratory of queer-looking devices ranging from ship's bells to toy whistles, and cabinets full of recorded sounds. One of the latest additions to his stock is the sound of the atomic bomb explosion. Symes is seldom happier than when working out a brand new sound effect. Even a recent request for the sound made by a dying canary didn't baffle him for long!

Peter Francis joined the C.B.C. in 1940, after a term with The Canadian Press in Toronto. Since then he has listened to thousands of musical recordings in his job as a continuity writer.

A. E. Powley returned to Canada late in 1945 after heading the C.B.C. overseas unit, with headquarters in London. With other C.B.C. war correspondents—Matthew Halton, Bill Herbert, Marcel Ouimet, Andrew Cowan, Benoit Lafleur, Peter Stursberg—he ducked German bombs and V-1's to report the war for Canadian radio listeners. Since returning to Toronto, A. E. Powley has been expanding the C.B.C. News Service coverage of special events, and supervising the coast-to-coast feature program, C.B.C. News Roundup.

Both Francis and Powley are summer residents of Centre Island.

## ISLAND GARDENS

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lot of sod can be salvaged and this will be needed to finish the job in front of the Canoe Club. Quite a good amount is still waiting to be put down, but around the Club House, where the verandahs will be, there is quite a lot more to be taken up, so if anybody—and by that I mean the members of the Canoe Club, the Tennis and Baseball ditto—who would care to do so, could put in some evening and get a little change of exercise, they would be doing a good job which is badly needing to be done. Now that the evenings are growing cooler, it would not be such hot and hard work as the first lot was. So how about it, boys, it's for YOUR CLUB HOUSE, after all.

Congratulations to the ladies who so kindly helped at the flower stall on holiday Monday, and also thanks to the patrons who helped make it a financial success.

## Death of Ornithologists

Hiram regretfully informed us that he saw swallows congregating on telephone wires this week. This is a sure sign, so Hiram has been told, that these dainty little birds have given up the summer as practically spent. Hiram has always been interested in reporting the doings of our bird population, but as he doesn't know a crow from a starling he is handicapped. It has long been his earnest desire to interest some knowledgeable bird-lover in writing for our paper, but with complete lack of success. He has tackled our president several times but has been unable to elicit any lore. To please Hiram—and to put an end to his persistent entreaty—how about some ornithologically-minded inhabitant coming forward and giving us a brief brush over in our next (and last) three issues regarding these tiny denizens.

## BUILDING CAMPAIGN

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Cherokee block) and no doubt has dozens of things waiting to be done at home. It would be a noble effort on your part if, while shaking his hand with your right, you reached for your wallet or cheque book with your left.

After all—you know what the C.I.A. has done so far for the Island—handicapped as it has been without a home. Just let your imagination run for a while on what can be accomplished with a centre such as you can now see in course of construction.

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# CENTRE ISLAND MAJOR SOFTBALL

Dave Dennison, Cherokees' versatile pitcher, wins batting championship, claims batting honors with impressive .444, ending up with 12 hits in 27 trips, to top the league. Congratulations, Dave.

Mohawks' centre fielder, "Clem" Barker, kept up his steady clouting to finish in second spot, just two percentage points ahead of Chero-

kee Manager Cliff Tomlinson, who ended up with .324. The only other player above the .300-mark was Tommy Mitchell, Mohawk fielder, who came on at the end of the schedule with a hitting streak that gained him a .323 batting average and fourth spot.

Although Cherokees won the league and claimed the leading batter, they failed to win the team bat-

### Final Team Batting Averages

	T.A.B.	H.	%
Mohawks	390	103	.264
Cherokees	382	100	.262
Pontiacs	358	80	.223
Iroquois	339	72	.212

Iroquois' low team average is due to the fact that they did not place a hitter in the first 20.

Paul Lawless, with .210, and George Merrick, .209, were the highest regular Iroquois. Jimmy Croft played only six games for a .333 average. Roy Simpson led the league with two home runs, although he hit only .200.

### Final Standings

	P.	W.	L.	%
Cherokees	15	11	4	.733
Iroquois	15	7	8	.467
*Pontiacs	15	6	9	.400
*Mohawks	15	6	9	.400

\*—Must play sudden-death game to determine last play-off berth. The winner will meet Iroquois in the first game of the semi-finals, Monday, August 19, 7 p.m. sharp.

Don Murray, manager of Iroquois, and "Army" Armstrong, of Mohawks, say that they would like

under way for another camp before the end of the season.

Tuesday night's meeting proved very worthwhile, particularly in the way of Tenderfoot test work. This test—including knowledge of the Guide Law and Promises, the Union Jack, Signals, tracking signs and knots—must be completed before a Guide is enrolled. It is hoped to hold our first enrolment meeting the second Tuesday in September and any parents or friends will be cordially welcomed.

## ISLAND GUIDES

(By Dorothy Earle)

Under the capable leadership of Misses Beveridge and McFadgen, the expedition, including Patrol Leaders Toni Cox and Shelagh Mallon, Seconds Jano Whiskin and Judy Whiskin, recruits Marianne Parsons, Joanne Rennie, Betty Cutting and Patsy Mallon, boarded the "Princess Royal" (loaned by the Sea Rangers) and headed up Long Pond for Mugg's. We found it was going to take considerably more than a high wind and a sprinkling of rain to dampen the enthusiasm. Tents were soon pitched, bed rolls made and wood collected for the camp fire. As the fire was lit, the girls crept softly into the circle, singing "Fire's Burning". A story was told by Miss McFadgen and a game, "I Packed My Bag for Camp", kept us all thinking hard. Delicious cocoa was made and then a wild scramble for beds. Taps was sung from the tents.

A beautiful morning greeted eight very sleepy heads, but a brisk wash in the Lagoon soon remedied that. Breakfast of oranges, cereal, toast (that which the fire didn't consume), and cocoa was an event to be remembered.

Tents were struck, the campsite tidied, and our happy company headed for home with plans already

to see an all-star team from the Centre Island League play a team from town.

Others have felt that they would like to see a game of this sort, but who was to select the team? Well, sports fans, here's your chance to select the team YOU think should represent the Island. Fill in your team, complete with two pitchers, manager and coach, sign your name and hand your team list to either Don Murray, "Army" Armstrong, Alf Trudeau or Cec Parsons before August 24.

All names of persons whose lists compare closest with the selected team will be published in this column in two weeks. How good a

manager would you be? Could you select a winning team?

Don't forget those play-offs next week! Watch the notice boards at the Docks and on Manitou for future games.

## PEE-WEE LEAGUE

Last Saturday, at Olympic Island, Hanlan's Pee-Wees went down to defeat at the hands of Centre by the score of 12 to 1.

Then on Tuesday night, for the third straight time, the Tigers defeated the Chiefs by one run. This time the score was 16 to 15. The Tigers were behind coming in for the last inning, but two runs pro-

vided the winning margin.

The line-ups were:  
CHIEFS—B. Young c, P. Jones p, R. Ritters 1b, B. McCance 2b, C. Carrol 3b, L. Collins ss, P. Whiskin lf, J. Collins cf, F. Watts rf.

TIGERS—D. Waddell c, C. Jones p, Y. Bedard 1b, J. Earle 2b, D. Redican 3b, P. Sullivan ss, R. McFarlane lf, J. Powers cf, F. Sullivan rf.

## BADMINTON

(By Robert Thompson)

The past two weeks on the badminton courts have seen more action than can be recorded in one wee column. Seven round robins were worked, run, fought and cried for. Dick Duggan, Bud Murray, Helen Percy, Jack Earthy and Ken Butler accounted for five of them. The remaining two, being mixed doubles, were taken care of Monday night. In the first, Mary Roddy and Bud Murray came through with a perfect score of 75, six points ahead of their nearest opponents, Bert Van Hezewick and Ken Butler (Ken was wearing a skirt). We thought this strictly against the Marquis of Queensbury's brother's rules (a truer badminton player should never live) and Ken has been condemned to a period, not exceeding 99 years, during which he may use nothing but war-time birdies. The second robin was called with but two games left to play because of rain.

As it appears now, it should be a game of games to decide the winner. Pat Phelan and Joe Plunkett, with 60 points, oppose Shirley Tuck and Chuck Singer, also with 60 points. It'll be a tough one to lose. One of the mid-season tournaments has been worked down to the finals, that being the men's singles, Joe Plunkett taking Bert Van Hezewick, and myself edging out (and I do mean edging) Jack Earthy in the semi-finals.

Another aspect of these tournaments is that a team will be picked to represent the club in an exhibition match against the Claude and possible Pierson's.

## COMMUNITY TENNIS

(By Elwood Butler)

We tee off this week with big news for the juniors. Your tournament starts Monday the 19th, kids, so let's go and really make it a success. Entries may be given to Kewp Cox, Joan Hennessey, or Norma Phillips, so get 'em in right away and let's get started, and may the best guy get the bacon.

### Ladies' Singles

Isobel McKinnon triumphed over June Carson in the semi to the tune of 6-1, 7-5, and then, last Sunday afternoon, before a goodly sized audience, proceeded to the club championship over Marg McConkey with a 6-1, 6-2 victory. Congrats to Isobel and a bowl of roses to Marg for a good battle.

### Men's Singles

In the upper bracket Carl Olsen stepped into the final round via a 6-3, 6-3 win over Ralph Swainson, while George Noble did the same kind of stepping over the body of Al Young with a 6-2, 5-4 w'n. Finals coming up in the very near future mayhap this week-end.

### Ladies' Doubles

Only one game here when Madge Hough and Jane Evans defeated Eileen Breen and Caroline Ham-mil, 6-0, 6-3.

### Men's Doubles

Jack Pillar and Frank Smith, defeated Lionel Levoir and Al Huggins by 6-2, 6-3, but went down to defeat in the next round to Doug Caldwell and R. T. (the pres.) Smith, 7-5, 6-2.

### Ladies' Singles Consolation

Helen Wills over Mrs. (first name unknown) Swainson, by default.

### Men's Singles Consolation

Gord Mack over Bill Wright, default. Howard Kirschener over Jacques Vincent by default. Frank Jacob defeated John Mulholland 6-4, 6-4 and then went into the next round over Howard Kirschener 6-3, 6-0. Dick Ring defeated Tom MacMillan 7-5, 6-0 and then went ahead around another round with a bye. John McNeill over Jack Pillar by default.

### Mixed Doubles

Eleanor Hepburn and Jack Lush defeated Janet Allin and Bob Duns-more 2-6, 6-3, 11-9 (what a marathon!) and Helen Wills and Gord Mack defeated Joan Hennessey and Ed Hales 6-4, 6-4.

Norma Phillips and George Slade defeated Mona Bower and Mr. Davidson 6-2, 6-2.

The grapevine tells us that the Sanderson family rate an honourable mention this week. Seems Pop snuck in and took some of the Civic Holiday Sweepstakes money down at Wards, after some 20-odd years of trying, and now he has

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threatened to stick at it another 20 years and do the same thing over here at Community. — stick to it, Pop. Doug finished off his single blessedness in a big way by fishing some strange gal out of the lake just a short while afore he got him- (Continued on page 8)

## HIRAM REPORTS



Hiram Heffenfeffer, of 226 Lake Shore, tells us that many people have been remarking on the extremely bad weed conditions in the lagoons and the bay shore. Several of them have asked him to mention it in this column. So far as Hiram can discover, our fairy-story little weed-cutter—there's only one other one in the world—has never cut a weed all summer. It was not launched until well after July 1st and has been leaning (minus its funnel) rather drunkenly against the bank behind the duck pond ever since. Meanwhile the weeds have been growing at their leisure, coming up from the bottom and spreading along the surface. Hiram feels that ducks like them, but he knows that besides fouling propellers of motor-boats, oars of rowers, and looking unsightly, they also collect all the muck that frequently gets into our lagoons and prevent it from moving with the slight current. Hiram states that he has seen a scow with six men drifting around picking up floating weeds. This is a worthy endeavour. However, it would be a lot better if the 75 per cent. that they miss, due to their being anchored to the bottom, were cut by the weed cutter and thereby released to float on the surface and await collection. Hiram understands that the weed cutter is a tricky piece of mechanism to operate and that there is a shortage of labour. He does not feel, however, that it can be so difficult that the lack of one man prevents its operation for a whole summer. He feels that things are becoming a trifle nightmare-like when a prominent Islander has to pay a private contractor to have his stretch of lagoon cleared of weeds before he can take his sailing dinghy through it.

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# JUNIOR SOFTBALL

(By Ian Stewart)

Last Friday night, at Hanlan's Point, Ward's defeated Hanlan's 8 to 1, but this game showed a marked improvement in the Hanlan's team. Don See, of Ward's, threw a two-hitter, both of these hits being infield bunts by Vernon Thom-

## PROFILES

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himself. He spent most of his time in the Marketeria, while his wife looked after the rest of the store and managed the beauty parlor. Perc hired barbers and operated three chairs, helping out himself a little. He could now be operating four chairs, but, due to the lack of skilled help, he only has one. There were usually three operators in the beauty parlor, but for the same reason there are now only two.

When Perc took over from the Dominion Store he made several changes. He ripped out the counters and made the store a self-serve marketaria, and enlarged the meat counter. He was fortunate in having some idea of how the Dominion Store had made out and guided himself thereby. He knew that to succeed he would have to expand and every year he tried to add a new line or a new service. He exceeded the Dominion Store's sales in his first year and has increased his turnover every year since by a comfortable margin, and there is no sign of slackening. His is the only fruit store open on the Island in the winter, and Perc's desire to serve his fellow-Islanders in as many ways as possible and with increasing efficiency is reflected in his growing business.

Perc has wanted for several years to do some "face-lifting" on the Marketeria. He plans to move the front several feet out, lining it up with the other half of his property, put the same vitrolitic store-front on it, and also extend it to his south property line, thereby doing away with the lean-to at the side. He would make a new storeroom at the back. He would also enlarge the meat counter—one of the busiest places on the Island, especially on Saturday mornings—and also enlarge all departments generally. He intends to make the ground in front all concrete, the same as in front of the north part.

Perc has always taken an active interest in the Island, participating in all Island activities and giving generously of his time and money to the many charitable demands made upon him. When the Centre Island Association was formed, Perc served capably on the executive; he gives the facilities of his store whenever asked, and is anxious to do anything that will contribute in any way, large or small, to the general good of the Island and Islanders.

During the many Street Fairs and other charitable money-raising campaigns—which are almost all held on the Main street—untold amounts of thumb tacks, bolts of colored paper, and odds and ends, are taken from his store by the workers, as required, without any accounting or charge—indeed, he frequently thinks up ways of doing things that necessitate using more of his goods—and at the same time he helps to erect booths, etc., whenever he can tear himself away from his work. Perc belongs to the Centre Island

son. Barry Barnett led the Ward's hitters with two.

On Saturday, Hanlan's came to Centre and the final score was 7-6 for Centre, three runs being scored in the last half of the last inning. This was by far Hanlan's best effort of the season, they being sparked by two terrific catches by Dave Wilde on second, both of them line drives. George Bedard made his bid for hitting honours when he smashed a pitch over the centre fielder's head, only to be called out for not touching second base. Bill Wright pitched for Centre in the absence of Bruce Staughton, and did excellently.

Last Tuesday, at Centre, Hanlan's was again defeated by Centre, by the decisive score of 30 to 7. Hanlan's, who had showed steady improvement, fell to pieces and, in

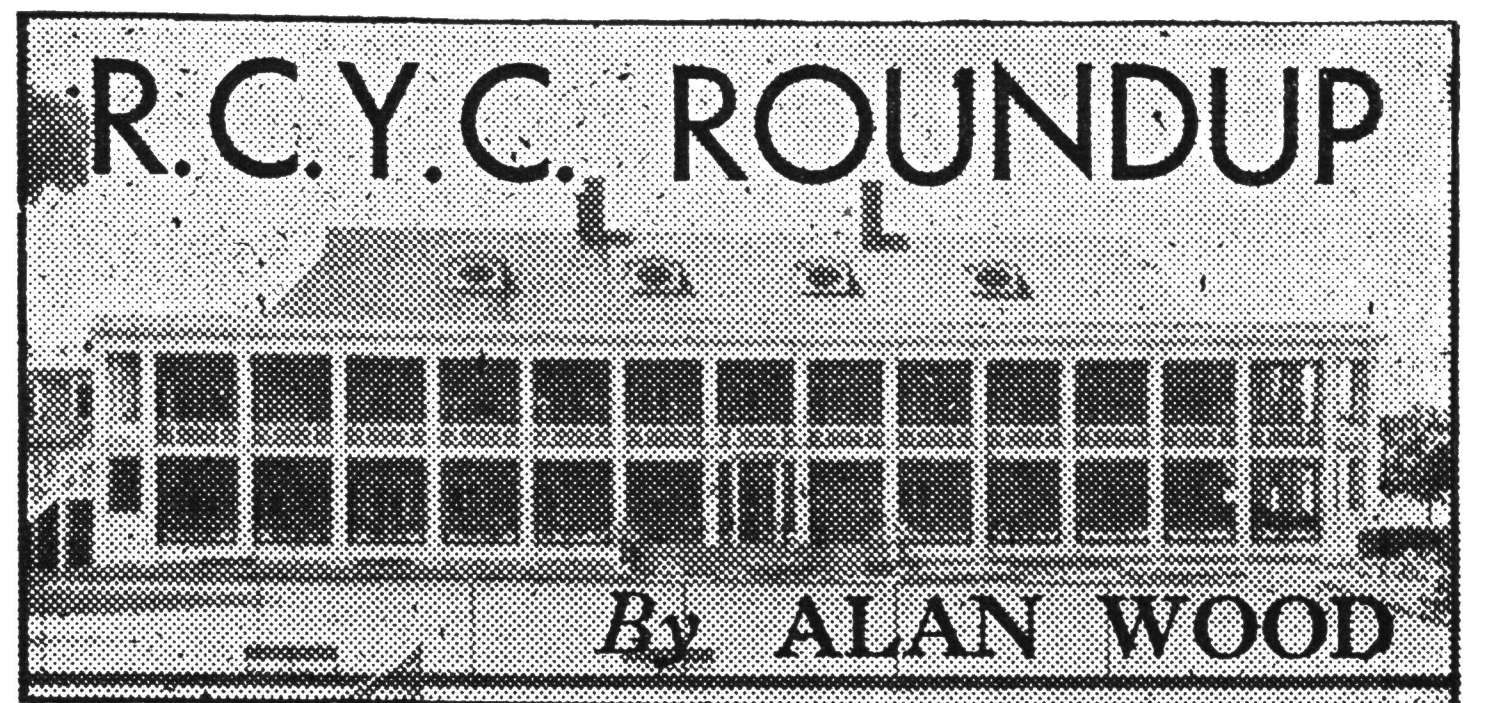
the latter stages, rather poor sportsmanship was displayed by a few of their players. With Centre holding a commanding lead, certain members of the Hanlan's team began to fool the game away. Tom McMillan pitched very well, allowing Hanlan's but four hits, and he led all the hitters, banging out 5 for 5.

### The Standings:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Centre	5	1	.833
Ward's	4	1	.800
Hanlan's	0	7	.000

### The Averages:

Player and Team	A.B.	Hits	Pct.
McMillan, Centre	24	13	.542
Barnett, Ward's	19	9	.477
Hangar, Ward's	19	8	.421
Bedard, Centre	17	7	.412
McFarlane, Ward's	20	8	.400
Thomson, Hanlan's	23	9	.391
Watt, Centre	22	8	.364
Wright, Centre	25	9	.360
See, Ward's	17	6	.353
G. Gibson, Ward's	17	6	.353



"Aphrodite" left to-day for Rochester, for the George Cup. Yesterday she was still up on the ways getting that final going-over to put her in top condition. "Esperanza III" is accompanying her. Commodore Hahn will join them at Rochester in "Nonchalant". He is presently cruising in the Bay of Quinte. I hear he lost his mainsail in a sudden squall off Cobourg last Saturday. . . . Gene Sorsoleil, chairman

of the Sailing Committee, is in the Private Patients' Pavilion of the Toronto General for a kidney-stone operation and is coming along very well. . . . The staff weiner and corn roast was held last night on the Junior Club Island behind the club on a sandy point. Mr. Gay, our steward, officiated in a high white chef's cap. All members of the staff were invited and each was allowed to ask one guest. About 60 or 70 were expected. Two friends of Gay's were to provide guitar music, the T.T.C. launches were to call for the city dwellers, starting at 12.15 a.m., picking them up from the back dock of the club, while taxis were to be waiting on the city side to take them home—this being provided out of a fund amassed for that purpose. It sounded like quite a fine party. . . . I hear that the "Oberon", a 45' cruiser owned by Mr. Masson, an associate editor of Hugh C. Maclean Publications, cannot dock behind the club due to the crush, and that he is living aboard in the lagoon near the Ferry Docks. Nobody seems to want to get out at the moorings nowadays — for which I don't blame them, as I remember in the days before I took up verandah sailing, it was quite a row out to the furthest ships. . . .

Last Saturday's Open Regatta was a fiasco due to one marker breaking loose and blowing away (it hasn't been found yet) and another being rammed and sunk. This effectually put a stop to all racing. However, no trophies were at stake. The small triangle, incidentally, off shore is where the dinghies race. . . . There'll be a sailors' dinner in September with no speaker and Gerry LaVenture leading the singing. . . . The lagoon-water pump has been completely repaired. The septic tank was cleaned a week ago. . . . Mr. Richardson thinks that some sort of jeep jitney in the winter-time would pay on the Island. There are quite a few workers in the marine yard and machine shop who come over every day and it's a long walk to and from the tug. Al Rae and his wintering cohorts of Algonquin would also appreciate it, I think. . . . There's a dinghy lake race to-morrow. Next big boat race is Saturday, August 24—lake course.

He likes music—"all kinds of music. . . . I can sit and listen to a hurdy-gurdy. That's one reason why I'm interested in seeing some kind of music over here—like a band concert. I think I'm like one of John Public and therefore other people would like it, too."

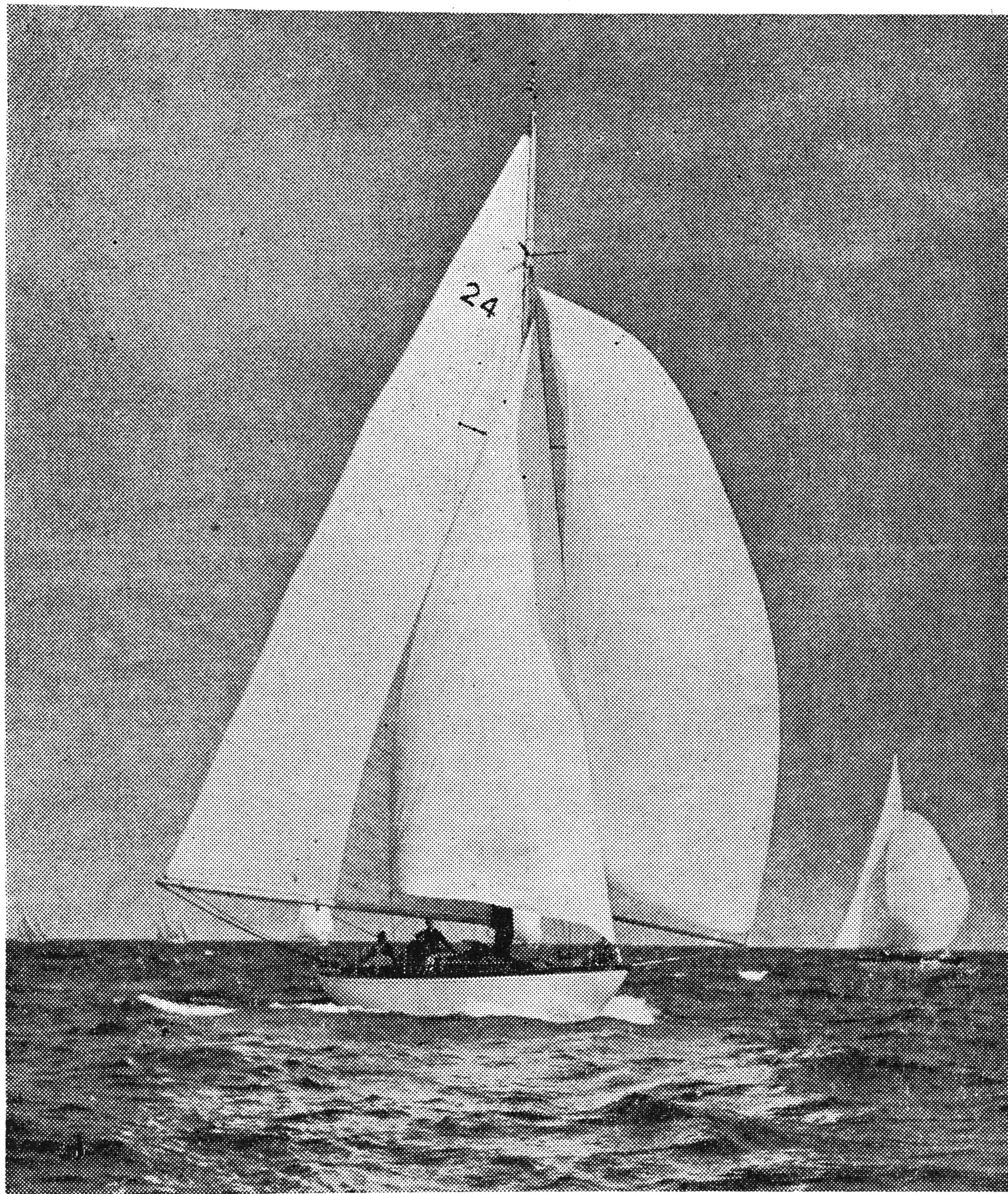
Perc has little time for reading, the evenings—after working in his stores until 12 or later—are devoted to "reading those things there" — indicating his ledgers—, "about all I get a chance to read. Apart from my books, the comics are next—I never go to sleep at night without reading the comics." This is sometimes 3 o'clock in the morning. "Li'l Abner" and "Little Orphan Annie" are his favourites—he skips "Terry and the Pirates."

Perc follows hockey and baseball, although he has never played either. When he was young he did not have much time to play, his parents believing in starting children at helping their parents at an early age. Now he tries to take one day off a week, but doesn't always get it. This is generally a Wednesday and he and his wife go to town. Perc also rather likes paintings and art—again "all kinds" — and can spend a pleasant hour browsing through an art gallery.

Perc says a major part of his success can be put down to the help his wife has given him. Also, now, his 16-year-old daughter, Norma, is helping in the store. Perc has his eyes set on a bright future for the Island and his business.

—Alan Wood.

## PERCY GRANT'S "WHITE WINGS"



—Photo by Sir Ellsworth Flavelle

Business Men's Association and feels that this should get behind the general Centre Island Association, as anything that the latter does to benefit the Island is felt first by their own businesses. He says, "I think the Association will do a lot for the Island. The Club House itself will do a lot—will create sports that will bring the younger generation over . . . there'll be something for them to do. I think the city is sort of waking up to the fact that by their spending a little money over here there would be big dividends for their investment." He thinks the business men could make Manitou Road pleasanter, with perhaps colored lights such as are seen on main streets of small towns; that

Wednesday and Sunday night concerts should be sponsored; that the city should raise the park (and other) sidewalks—these are inundated after the slightest rainstorm—build shelters in the park.

Perc's opinion is that "the Island will improve greatly. I think that instead of going back it will be bound to go forward." He suggests that a program for Island betterment should be drawn up by the Centre Island Association and presented to the city as a long-term project with a little to be done every year, starting with the most important things. His estimate of the Island population is 10,000 to 12,000 at the height of the season, with over 900 in the winter. He feels more people than ever will be staying on the Island this coming winter, due to both the housing shortage and to the gradually increasing popularity of the Island as a winter as well as a summer resort. He lives behind his store in an attractive apartment and rents ten others. These range from two to four rooms, are centrally heated (hot water), and are furnished—the only things necessary for the

tenant to provide being bedclothes, dishes, pots and pans. During the time the writer was with him, three people came asking for apartments—one man stating that as soon as he could get a room he was going to get married. However, Perc has a waiting list and cannot know until the end of the month just who intends to stay on. Perc says that he is continually being called upon—that he can't sit down to a meal without someone asking to see him on some matter.

Perc likes travelling. He has done very little as yet, managing only to get away for two weeks every year in the early fall. He and his wife and daughter, Norma, generally take a short trip. This year they intend to go to New York City. Perc says that they've never been there. "We've seen the bright lights in Toronto, we want to see the bright lights over there. . . . We'll probably come back saying it's nice to be back in Toronto." He would also like to travel more extensively—no places in particular, although he leans a little towards Vancouver, Los Angeles and the southern states.

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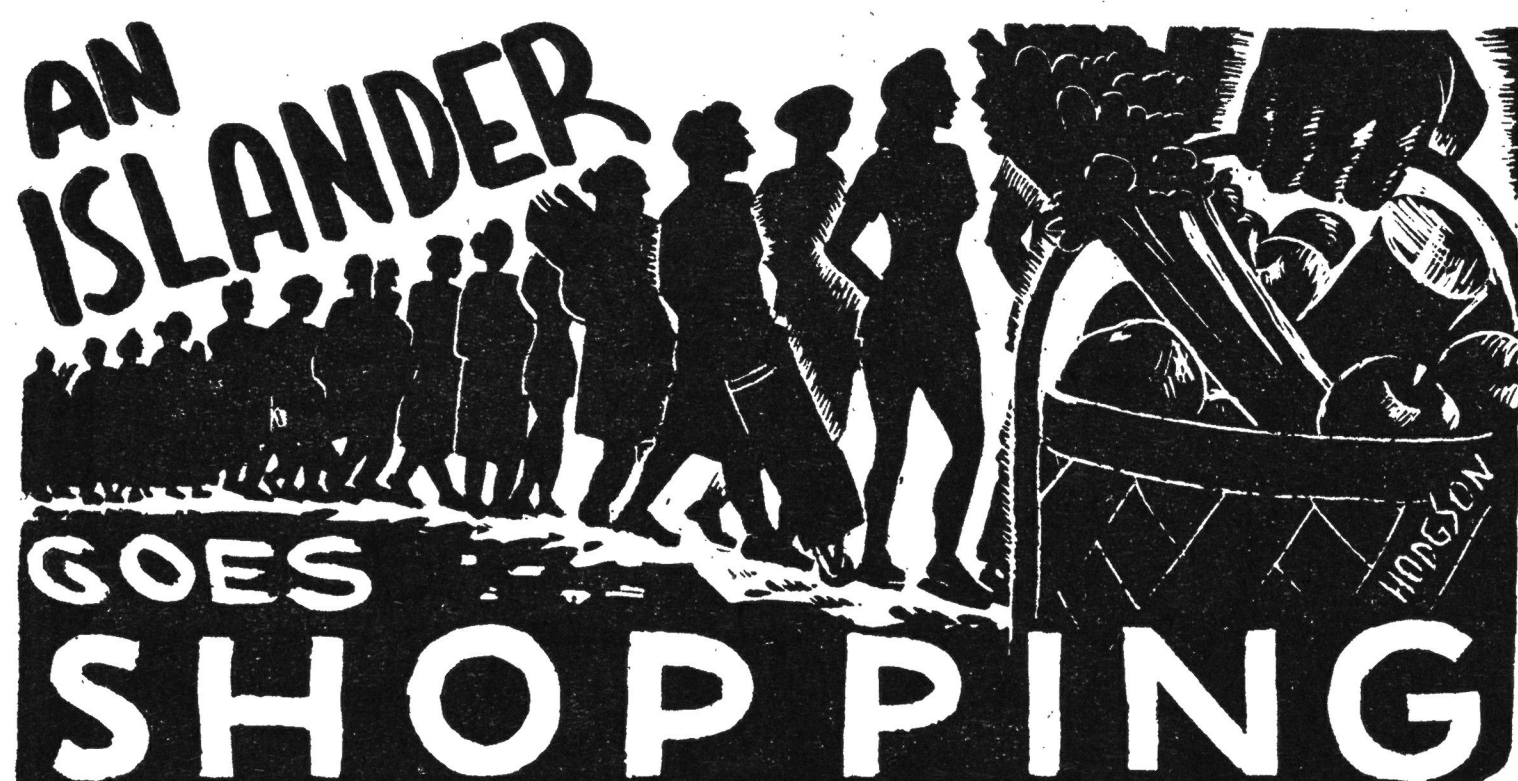
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compacts in leather and chased gilded metal. Buttons of porcelain are also being shown, as well as lacquered wood. The colors, sizes, shapes, are varied. There is a swing towards antique buttons and fastenings, so if you have any tucked away, bring them out, clean them up, and put them on your dressy suit or afternoon dress this fall.

Paris shows big, enormous scarfs, in squares and foot-wide lengths. These are hand-painted and signed by well-known artists. The materials are satin and silk, and the designers have a French feeling, and are very gay and amusing. Old French songs, peasant types, even classic plays such as "La Dame aux Camelias" or costumes and scenes of the 19th and 20th centuries.

While you are digging for those old buttons, etc., and you come upon an old fan or two, bring them out into the light. Dust them carefully and maybe a stitch here and there will be needed. Three Paris houses showed fans with their evening dresses, and there is no doubt that they are a most alluring fashion.

The Directoire influence is still carrying through with high stand-up collars, flaring revers, and enormous pockets.

Flowers and veils, as well as jewelled clips and pins will be worn in the hair.

Cocktail suits are again popular and smart. Generally black trimmed with braid, jet, or velvet accents.

## Studies In Island History 3

(In 1854 the Commissioners of Toronto Harbour offered "premiums" of 100, 75 and 50 pounds for the three best reports on the means to be adopted for the preservation and improvement of the Harbour of Toronto. The following extracts have been taken from the report that won first prize. It was written by Henry Youle Hind, M.A., Professor of Chemistry in the University of Trinity College, and is reprinted here by permission of the Royal Canadian Institute, in whose Journal it appeared in 1854.)

The history and mode of formation of the Peninsula (Ed. the Island) having been pointed out, it is now proposed to discuss the question whether a permanent opening (Ed. the eastern gap) at the end of the bay would be a benefit, and first of all, whether such an opening in the form of a canal could be maintained at a reasonable expenditure.

It is manifest that, in order to make such an opening permanent, sand and shingle must be prevented from "travelling" into it from the east. . . . We are not, however, permitted to assume that an opening in any one part of the peninsula would suspend the operation of those forces which have given a local habitation to the whole beach from Ashbridge's Bay to Gibraltar Point. Assuming that an opening were made, say near the Peninsula Hotel, and that by groynes or other devices sand and shingle were prevented from closing it. It is perfectly clear that in order to effect this result the first object would be to retain the sand and shingle east of the opening. Suppose this to be accomplished, what . . . would become of the remaining western portion of the peninsula? Would the sand and shingle there cease to be a travelling beach? Would it cease to move westward as heretofore? There can be no doubt that, if left unchecked, it would progress onward, being still subject to the same controlling forces as before. But if it progressed, the beaches to the west of the opening would be rapidly moved away and form an extensive natural beach, seeing that no advance of materials to supply their place could take place. . . . But, it may be urged that the sand might be prevented from "travelling" by means of groynes. It is true that the construction of groynes from the canal all the way to Lighthouse Point at short distances apart, would have that effect for a time, but without they were made very high the sand would mount over them and form dunes. . . . Again, the groynes would have to penetrate into deep water beyond the influence of waves upon a shoaling coast, or how would they check the progress of the shelving beach which is disturbed by the long waves of an easterly gale to a greater depth than fifteen feet?

The peninsula in its subaqueous extensions is an enormous sand and shingle shoal, very shelving on the lake side, and, where it has not been remodeled or disturbed, very precipitous on the bay side. . . . These shoals extend lakewards 1,500 yards before they attain a depth of 30 feet, except in one spot, and that is near the lighthouse or Turning Point. . . .

It will be seen that the arguments against the construction of a permanent opening apply to . . . every portion of the beach. . . . A canal from Ashbridge's Bay into the lake would . . . be still more objectionable . . . as it would involve the strengthening of the whole of the beach as far as the Lighthouse point to prevent its westward motion. The next question . . . is the possibility of keeping an artificial canal open anywhere between a few hundred yards east of the Point and the most remote extremity of Ashbridge's Bay, without continued and expensive dredging. When we remember that many million tons of sand and shingle have passed along the beach from Scarboro' shore to form in 58 years the 30 acres in deep water beyond the Lighthouse Point, when we glance at the new beach which has recently been thrown up west of the Point, when we consider the changed character of the Scarboro' cliffs, unprotected

as they are now, is it probable that a canal could be maintained within the limits before mentioned? Is it not rather to be supposed that the sand would accumulate on its eastern side with a rapidity before unknown and defy the most energetic efforts to preserve a passage during the winter season? The rapidity with which natural breaks fill up, as shown repeatedly in Ashbridge's Bay, and recently near the Peninsula Hotel, furnishes also a safe answer in the negative. . . . (To be continued)

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and equipment as may be required by the Corporation, including such items as metal castings, coal, sand, cement, stone, and sundry other supplies and equipment. These storehouses and storeyards are located in strategic locations throughout the city so as to be readily available for works in progress and for emergencies. Following a detailed survey of the operations of the department in 1941, the activities of the department have been, where possible, modernized and mechanized with respect to the following operations: Centralized accounting system—modern accounting machines installed in the treasury and other departments where accounting records are required in connection with the department's operations, all under the general supervision of the chief accountant; receiving wickets—modern facilities, including the installation of cash receiving machines that record all necessary payment detail and which may be used for receiving payments of taxes, water rates, rentals, licenses, or other miscellaneous revenue, have been provided in the main corridor of the City Hall for the convenience of the taxpayers and to provide internal auditing and accounting records required by the city; tax accounting—modern machines that produce the tax accounting record and the tax bill in a single operation have been installed; these machines are used also for the posting of payments and other tax accounting needs, as required; central payroll plan—modern equipment to produce wage and salary cheques by punch-card and cheque-writing machines, with additional equipment for cheque-signing with adequate safeguards against misuse, has been in operation for some time with the setting up of a

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central payroll plan in prospect. Considerable work duplication has been eliminated. Machines for imprinting unemployment insurance and excise tax with meter record also reduce to a minimum the time formerly required for these operations.

The department issues annually a financial report dealing with the conduct of business during the year ended December 31st, and copies may be found in the Public Library and other public reference sources; with a limited number being available to the general public.

### COMMUNITY TENNIS

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self married off. Doesn't that rate a medal or sumpin', Doug? (No, Oscar, they don't give people medals for getting married.)

We noticed Don Bates and the Mrs. (nee Merle Karnduff) shaking hands with the gang last Sunday. They had been spending a short holiday at Wasaga and stopped off here for the day on their way back to Montreal.

All members of at least two or three years' standing will remember Flo Nix. We hear that she is coming to the Island this week-end for a short visit afore she heads for Norway to marry one of those swell guys that we saw and heard so much about during the war. We hope she gets a free hour or two to amble over to the courts for a spot of tennis. Hello Flo (this from Slade personally) and best wishes to the future Norwegians. (Wonder what he means by that?)

That's all for this week, kiddies, so let's pack up and go to bed (Ha!).

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