Hospital Rates Cheaper Than In 1911 – But Only For Membership; Founding Document

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THOUGH Princeton Hospital rates are up 500% since it was founded in 1911, there is one fee that is DOWN by as much.

Hospital Society membership fee, now $1, was originally $5. The concession was obviously an effort — not too successful—to enlist community interest in maintaining the hospital

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BORN: A HOSPITAL
18TH OCTOBER, 1911
REGISTER of JOINT STOCK COMPANIES
(From Original Document)

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We, John Donald Andras, bank manager, John A. Freeman, rancher, James Drysdale Lumsden, store manager, William C. Mc Dougall, lumber merchant, Ernest Waterman, mine manager, Charles Willarson, merchant. make application to register under the Benevolent Societies Act.

2. The corporate name to be the Princeton General Hospital and its purpose the relief of the sick and the afflicted.

3. Membership fee of $5 per annum carries one vote, with additional vote for each additional $5 to the limit of 5. Life membership on payment of $50 in a single year.

(Now $1 per annum, maximum one vote.)

4. Directorate of 12, one year term, with chairman, vice-chairman, secretary-treasurer.

(Now 8 directors. Staff administrator is secretary-treasurer).

6. Original directors were applicants as in (1). Chairman, Ernest Waterman: secretary - treasurer J. D. Andras.

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● HAVENS FOR SICK THEMSELVES STILL SICK

HOSPITAL GETTING BY, BUT ANXIOUS UNDER HI. COST PLAN

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MIRACLES OF SOCIAL CREDIT FINANCING AND UNIONIZED NIGHTINGALES PERIL OF PROGRESS

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PRINCETON HOSPITAL is in fair financial shape. But in face of steadily rising costs and the government's tendency to freeze the budget, sound financing may not be easy. That was the pub of official reports to the annual general meeting.

The same board will try to work the miracle. But rates will probably go up. Because most regional hospitals are in less sound shape than Similkameen's and the budget freeze will have to thaw.

WIZARDS

Local policy of future security charged to operating costs took a slap equally under government policy, and the depreciation schedule was also drastically revised. This transfixes the financial picture—on paper—without adding a cupid to its staute, according to the Lord's ledgers revised by Dr. Bennett.

So the hospital made or lost money in 1952, according to whether you are on the side of the Lord or Lord Bennett, or between the bases. like Manager McGraw.

pital lost $639.90 in 1952; Mr. Bennett's that it made $4981.84, but Mac the Pessimist doesn't count bills which he expects to collect and the optimistic Doctor Mac's score-sheet says the hos-

of Hardware and the L.C.B., putting social credit to work, grabs off $5,621.74 from non-operating revenue, including your donations for an x-ray machine.

H.I. hospitals is not ball games but she-yumps; nobody knows who wins till they go bust.

Over the past four years, however, the hospital does admit to having made $3,300 — but not by the Social Charge-it system.

Salaries are the big factor in rising costs and depreciating social credit dollars. They were up $5000 last year, in the total operating jump of $7,000 and with the strike threat another increase soon is seen as sure.

Dollars apart, the year was a success. There were 163 births to 28 deaths Marriages are considered casualties to the staff.

GIZZARDS

Services generally increased about ten per cent.

Major advancement in equipment was projected purchase of a new x-ray unit, largely financed by local subscription.

More public interest was shown —a reflex no doubt on co-insurance. Collections under co-insurance were 96%. Membership in the Hospital Society increased to a mere 88. The old faithful again did grand service. Custom ary compliments were exchanged

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Revenues Up; Chief Source Insurance

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Revenues were $86,757.18, compared with $75,582.21 in 1951, up up $1,1176.97 or about 11 p.c.

Operating costs were $81,775.34 against $74,675.50, up $6.099.84 or about 8 per cent.

Dominant source of revenue was of course government payments for insured patients — $55,454.75 of the total of $86,757.18. Other patients paid $25,385 69 Workmen's Compensation Board contracts (local industries) gave $5,064.90, the telephone company contract $386.80. railway $3,237.05 Co-insurance brought $8,444.50. Non-insured patients paid $6.637.13. Membership dues were $87.00 and donations $5,079.02.

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Insurance: What Is The Balance?

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Though there is a general grumbling about hospital insurance premiums there is another side of the picture, less obvious.

The man who pays premiums and gets no direct return in hospital treatment grumbles. But nine out of ten who do require treatment are insured.

Hospitals have to be kept available against the time when treatment will be needed—and nine out of ten who do need it are prmium payers. It assures hospital service being available against need; they had real difficulty in operating without assured revenue.

In 1952 co-insurance (charged after ten days) cost $5,357.50 as against $49.396.50 paid by Hospital Insurance (premiums fund).

Collections from co-insurance in 1952 were 96 per cent.

Illness usually brings financial stress; hospitalization is needed when there is least ability to pay.

Under insurance this is taken care of. The bill is paid from the fund. The patient has no financial problem, nor does the hospital.

The average man's premium is about $50 a year. That would pay his hospital bill for a week.

In efficiency it would average out to security and efficiency all round.

The point would seem to be—does the average person require a week's hospitalization a year?

But this hospital likes H. I.

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His 2c Worth

★ POP, who built the hospital long about 1885 and still reckons he owns is, makes much ado about the $99,999.02. He wants to know what dashed extravagance accounts for that there 02 cents.

Salaries Chief Factor; Nurses Fare Better

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Chief factor, as ever, is salaries, which accounted for more than half of operating costs. And they continue to rise.

Salaries and wages grossed $53 759.54. Administrative costs were about $3,000, housing services about $11,000, hospital supplies about $20,000.

Much of this lies in the general inflation, which keeps wage scales rising with the price index, in terms of the rotten dollar. But ss much lies in the changed status of nursing.

In the days when Princeton hospital was showing a profit on a $3 day rate nurses' salaries comprised a much smaller proportion of operating costs. Improved wage scale and hours make modern nursing a much more rewarding vocation than the profession of sacrificing service of the Nightingale sisters.

Where salaries comprise so large a part of operating costs, rates rise in relation to wage scales in the trade union status of nurses.

In 1952 salaries rose about $6,000, with dmeands for more, and nurses hard to procure.

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Bad Debts Vanish; Were Tax On Rates

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Bugbear of bad debts—the crippling factor of old—has virtually disappeared under Insurance.

Replaced by—how to get by on what the governmentt allows.

Because accident and illness have no relation to the ability to afford them, hospitalization is essentially a public service rather than a business, and a public hospital must save life and suffering without regard for ability to pay. Bad debts and hopeless accounts wiped out an average 25 per. cent of the local hospital's account revenues. Under the insurance scheme such losses have virtually disappeared. This means that real revenue is automaticasly up and rates correspondingly down — some 30 per cent.

Collections from co-insurance were 96 per cent. and from non-insured patients 71 per cent, with furher collections anticipated.

Day rate is now about $10—compared with $3 when the hospital, self-supporting, was making money, with a municipal allowance of 70c a day. When insurance was introduced the government allowed a rate of $9.45—up from $5.00.

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★ UGH UGH, MATILDA, x-ray is not a diseased boy friend.

Will Ye No' Come Back Again?

Salaries Three Fifths Of Mounting Costs

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Salaries accounted for $53,759.34 of the total expenditure of $81,775.34. Housing service (cleaning, cooking, repairs etc.) cost about $5,000; food $10.347; medical supplies about $9,000; electricity $1,773.19; water $451.99. Of administration costs of about $4000 telephone ($426) and office supplies ($652) were the main items.

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Government Plan Boosts Other Revenue

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When hospital insurance came into effect the day rate was $4 45. It had been $3.00 and the hospital was prosperous. But under increased costs the hospital was steadily losing money at $4.45 and the insurance board allowed a rate of $7.40, increased at 1st May 1949 to $9.45, based on operating costs.

During 1952 the average daily cost of servicing an in-patient was $9.66; in 1951, $9.47.

The government formerly contributed $1.10 for each patient day, municipalities whose charges received hospitalization 70c.

The Workmen's Compensation Board and other group plans set the rate they would pay, usually below the hospital rate. Now the standard rate is enforcable all round.

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Hospital Gives More And Better Service

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The hospital gave more service — at a slightly higher cost per treatment.

In-patient days were 8,976 as against 8.344 in 1951—up 7.5 p.c.

A total of 1,259 in-patients were treated as against 1.112 in 1951—up 13.2 per cent.

Births were 163 is against 151.

Deaths (excluding those dead from the neck up) 28 compared with 24.

X-rays: 1952, 1 687; 1951. 1.609

Operations: 1952, 840; 1951, 716 up 17 per cent.

There was a daily average of 24.5 patients; 22.9 in 1951 (the half patient was a C.C.F.?)

Average stay was 7.1 days—7.4 in 1951. Co-insurance after 10 days.

Total patient days 8,976; 1951,

Average daily cost of servicing 8.344; up 7.5 per cent.

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Public wards accounted for most of the services. In terms of revenue $70,533.35 against $4.792.30 from private rooms and $4.594.50 nursery (new born).

Radiology reached the importance of $1.410.42 and diathermy

★ NO. MORT, operating costs is not the price of surgery, though they do try to cut 'em.

NO CHANGE FOR WORK HORSES

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YOU'VE read this for the past umpteen years but by that very fact are well satisfied with it. The hospital board was re-elected en bloc, and unanimously.

But the first dent in some years was occasioned by withdrawal of Granby representatives W. I. Nelson and A. W. Seaton. Their places were taken by H. L. Armes of Allenby and J. R. McKinnon of Copper Mtn

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Sound Financing Now - New Building Plan

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The hospital's idea of sound financing for future security has taken a beating from Social Credit-in-reverse.

Assured finances and financial security under the state hospital plan ended local administrative anxiety, giving the hospital legal certainty of solvency, reflected, however, in day rates and insurance premium rates.

Standards, and the authority to finance them, now rest in law, chargeable to the public.

A fund is set aside and maintained by actual depreciation reserve. and by an assessment

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● *A Social Ill Diagnosed*

This Hospital Policy Is Making Sick Citizenship

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Real Realism

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WHY this sordid shambles over hospitals? We know we have to have them and one way or another we have to pay for them.

We don't grudge paying for our food, for many luxuries in less priority than life and health. We don't expect society to dictate in them or pay for them.

Government run services are expensive services. We have many lessons in that, and if we want to pay more, not less, for this vital service, charge it to government. But let's be sane and decent about it.

We must have hospitals, and government must, and will, see that we do, and pay for them, one way or the other.

It has no scruples about running the schools. Are life and health less important? And do you realize that you pay — or rather the property-owner does, - more for other people's kids than for all other services, federal, provincial and municipal, with hospitals thrown in? How politicians have failed to put the whole burden for hospitals too on property piques politics

INSURED—WHO?

Acutally, under hospital "insurance" the B.C. government really took over the running of the hospitals without paying a cent for them. and actually got out of making a substantial contribution to their operation. They had contributed out of taxes, so much per patient day; now nothing. Yet with huge budget surpluses, no cut in taxes.

The school, the municipality and the hospital all publish—by government order—statements of how they used your maney. Where is that of the government and its hospital "insurance" racke ?

Now hospital costs must be paid or we can't have hospitals. It would be much better if we each paid for what we demanded and what we got. as in food and automobiles.

In the special nature of hospital bills we must provide for contingency, and government is right in eeing that we do. How is our own business, our private right.

Most of us could always have provided, and under far better terms than its "insurance" gives us. You could always get insurance, real insurance, on anything and private companies thrived without force or monopoly. Not only to pay hospital bills, but compenation in wide latitude of bargaining. This hospital "insurance" is, as such, a fraud. It is a disguised hospital tax. And as such it still does not work.

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WE are so prosperous we are almost broke; we live so well we can't afford what we need most. With big business efficiency we are efficiently going mad, and keep meticulous books to to promote it.

The annual report of our hospital efficently reports a sordid struggle for survival of a sacred vital service in an abundant age.

It is plaintive in its plea. it is eloquent in its omission of the ill it does not diganose and cannot cure in a social surfeit of vitamins and diatherms and welfare wallop—a sad deficiency in common decency and common sense, the dignity and decency and self responsibility of the individual, where multiplication in materialism is no magic.

Free

We are all born individually; we cling mightily to our individual rights to life, liberty and the search for happiness, success in which in the big business politics efficiency at the individual level means getting all we can out of the social contract.

But we are esesntially individuals, and we have to see both sides of the ledger of selfishness in the sure mathematics of truth where you just cannot get out more than is put in; which is what this report really shows.

In Nature's plan we were made to like what is right and good for us. Only that can be happiness, success.

Life and health are vital to each of us as the vital vehicle of our aspirations and we demand of that social contract the best amenities. Our hospitals have no lack of business. But the most vital business does not pay, while those thrive that breed our ills. Is this very efficient, nobility apart?

The social contract is, in a complex world, the pooling of many individual needs. It can and it should make satisfaction cheaper than by individual absolutism. As two men can in turn lift personal loads, beyond the personal ability of either.

The Good Samaritan kept no books, had no audit, no x-ray, but he had the true efficiency of the inexorable axiomo of the social contract, without which all our advantages turn against us in the efficacy of the atom bomb.

Responsible

The injured stranger's life was his own. He would defend his claims in it against the rival aspirations of associate or stranger. His injuries were mightily his individual concern; he had no contract with an out-caste stranger. Yet if there were no good Samaritans there would soon be no Samaritans, good or bad, and no strangers either. For the stranger would have died in his almighty individualism and in the same thesis so would the Samaritan, for not having helped save the stranger to help him, come his own extremity.

Moral debts can seldom be paid directly. They are none the less very real, the oil for the wheels of the social machine. The really good businessman knows that sentiment is good business. Most of us have grateful memories of some good Samaritan. If they are not grateful and if they are only of receiving, we have missed the better part of a magnificent obsession; and pegged the coffin of that vital contract.

For the parables are not pretty platitudes but the hard cash of contract: the self-sufficiency of the stricken stranger was not enough. And if he did not pass it

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● DIGITALIS — CAUSE, NOT CURE

THE INHUMAN FIGURES DOCTORS DISAGREE ON

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BOOK-KEEPERS, like doctors, differ—and about hospitals.

Our benevolent H.I.- cost government has "given" our poor hospital $100,000—by taking away 100,000 the poor hospital had given itself. Or vice versa.

But it's only a paper prosperity; or vice versa It all depends on how you keep books. And each point of view admits the point of the other's. Nobody has robbed nothin', or vice versa. So sit down Pop, and learn how they done it in modern mathe-rheumatics.

Fixed assets, like false teeth. dis-apppreciate.

So our hospital is three times richer because doctors of digits disagree. Our hospital had been duly depreciating its wooden legs and real assets and setting aside from their earnings to replace them, just as Pop pops two cents into the pot every time he chaws a rolled oats sundae.

How much they had in the pot is still in it, but it got so the assets, still making money, almost owed money.

Suspose Pop bought his in 1885 They aint so good as they used to was. so you wipe them off and write them off. That's the advantage of larnin' to write. Say ten per cent. per annum, or per apple. So now they ain't worth nothin'. You're wrong, Pop. They owe you $3456.7-8 at accumulated interest on your two dollar investment in 1885.

You say they're worth more than you could buy to-day for $200. Sure, but you don't understand efficient accountancy.

Of course the dollar is depreciating too, so that what was worth $2.00 in 1885 dollars is worth 2c to-day. and what you bought for 2c is worth $2 bucks.

The government, in the same efficiency, fixed your premiums on the basis of what the hospitals are worth — in replacement costs. It makes no difference — except in what you pay.

★POPSCRIPT—I wouldn't try it on your income tax. Figures can prove anything — but always to the advantage of the government

SCHEDULE OF ASSETS

	ORIGINAL VALUE	1951 VALUATION	1952 VALUATION
B	$60.593.72	21.638.35	92,654.00
E	30.384.91	4.996.78	38.514.00
L	1.487.50	1.487.50	1.487.50
*	$92,466.13	$47,122.63	$157.061.20

B—*Buildings:* E—*Equipment:* L—*Land*

Errors and omissions expected

Facilities For Your Care Again Improved

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Repairs, maintenance and improvements in 1952 cost $2,562.24 New equipment purchased cost $2131.05, biggest item an electric range for the kitchen—cost $992

Fire insurance, based on the new appraisal is now at $152,000

Not yet in the accounts but provided for is the new x-ray unit. Some $5500 has been raised for it, mostly by local donations.

Towards building costs the federal and provincial governments each contribute one third The BCHIS also makes a grant towards new equipment

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Raising a Victory Garden is a lot like fighting a war. It is easy to join up, but the campaigns which follow are tough.

You can tell a good gardener by the mid-summer condition of his hoe and spraying equipment. If they shine from ample use, he has been doing his duty.

Weeds are thieves that take two all important things away from a growing garden—water and plant food. Weeds chopped off or uprooted and spread on top of the ground as a mulch, prevent evaporation. Live weeds accelerate the loss of water, because each living plant draws moisture from the soil and throws it off into the air.

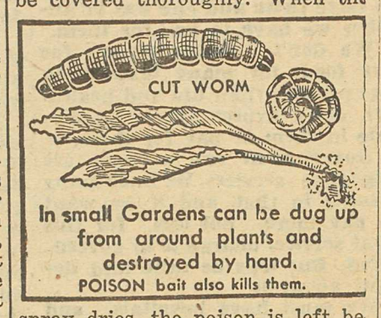
Remember also that weeds in order to grow must take nourishment from the soil the same as does any other plant. Whatever plant food the weeds take from garden soil no other crop can get, and in most sections there is not enough available plant food in the soil at a given time to support both weeds and garden crops.

Hoeing also helps control certain pests which lay eggs in the ground near plant stems. Cut worms that live near plant stems under the ground can be dug out and killed by hand where hoeing has kept soil loose. In large plantings cut worms are best killed by scattering a poison bait of bran 20 lbs., molasses 1 qt., Paris green ½ lb., water 2½ gallons, all mixed thoroughly before scattering.

Insects likewise rob the garden of much of its crop-producing power. Steady use of the sprayer to destroy the marauders is our only salvation. But, in the spraying operation a knowledge of how to spray, when to spray and what to spray with is essential.

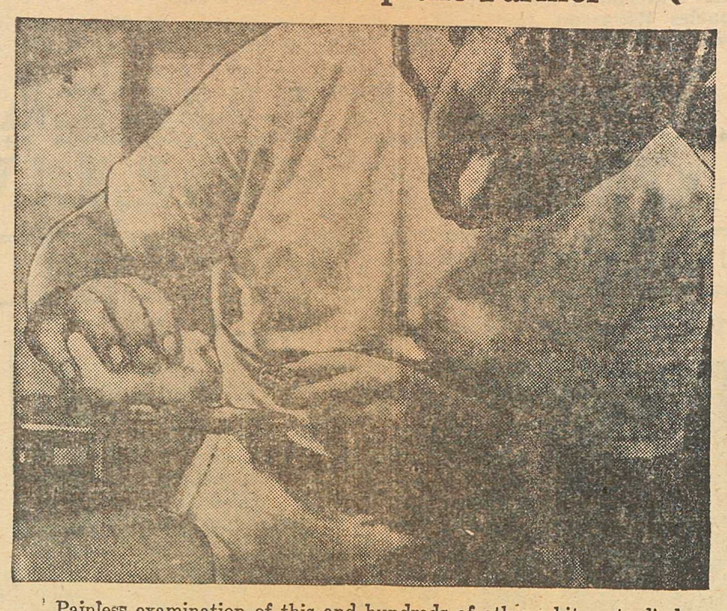
One type of insect is the sucker which draws sap from the plants through a bill just as the mosquito draws blood from a person. The other type of insect is a chewer which eats the leaves and blossoms of the plant just as a cow browses on grass in the pasture. The two types of insects are entirely different in their methods of feeding, and to poison them, two entirely different methods must be used.

Killing the chewing type of insect is relatively simple. Lead arsenate or similar poison is mixed with water and sprayed on the feeding grounds of the chewing insects—which means that leaves, blossoms and tender stems should be covered thoroughly. When the spray dries, the poison is left behind all ready for the visiting chewer. He takes the poison with his meal and in due time symptoms of poisoning develop and the insect or worm falls off the plant dead.



The sucking type of insect calls for another type of attack. His bill goes right through the layer of poison on the leaf surface, so no matter how thick such poison may be, the sucker type goes unharmed. For sucking insects add 1½ teaspoonful of Black Leaf 40 to a gallon of water. Add a little soap, for soap suds spreads better than plain water. This mixture will kill the sucking insects which have soft bodies and therefore are especially open to attack.

Rats That Help the Farmer



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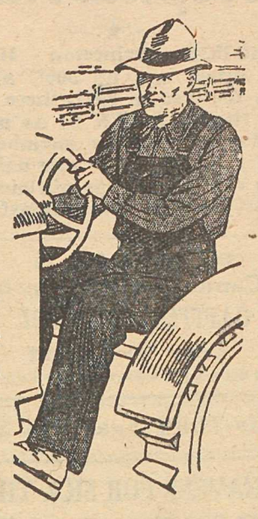

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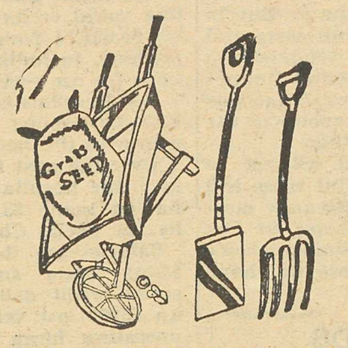

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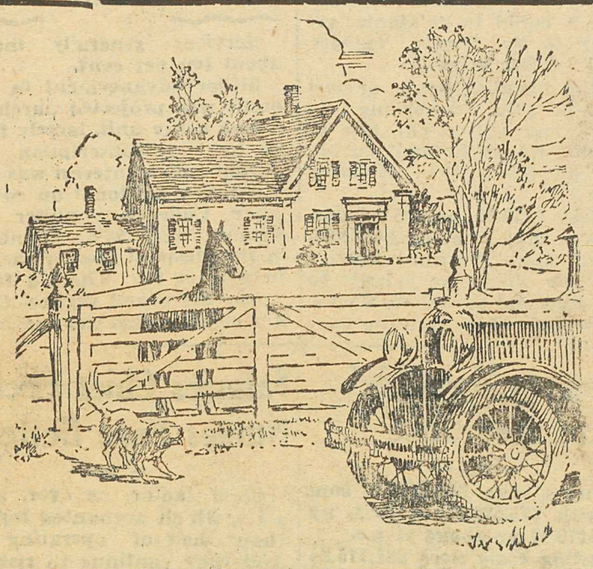

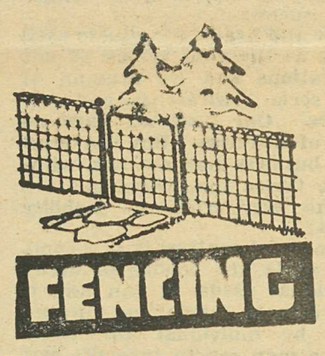

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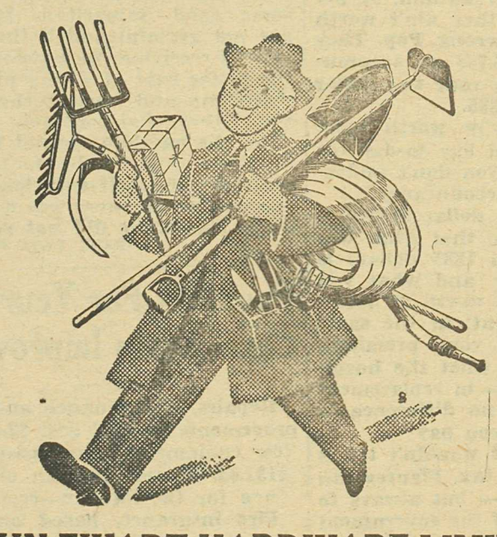

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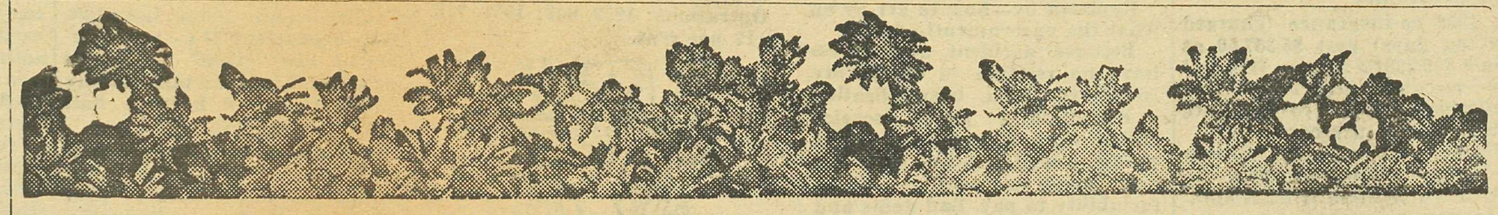

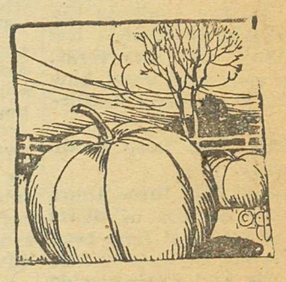

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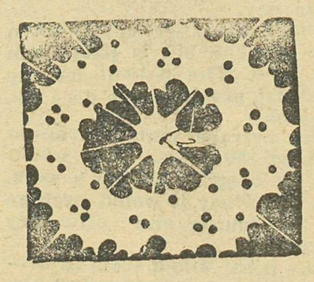

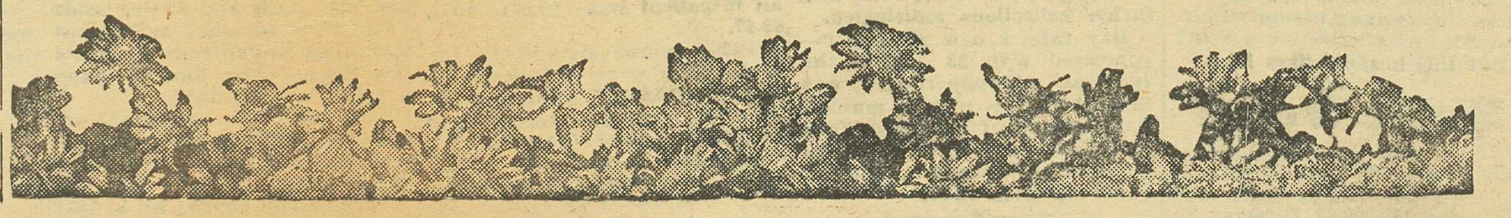

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Brooklyn, Chisox

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Pittsburg at Brooklyn.
Cincinnati at Chicago.
New York at Philadelphia

AMERICAN
New York at Washington (Monday, 13th)
Chicago at Cleveland
Detroit at St. Louis
Washington at Boston
Philadelphia at New York

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But Here We Need A Corkscrew

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VETERAN Don Currie has been named manager and coach of Princeton senior baseballers for the 1953 season and the Elks are again sponsors but beyond that the rest is still silence.

It was April in Alaska and the grapefruit series gave way to the big leagues, but here in sunny Similkameen it was snowing snow as Tillie the Typespiller tried to cough up baseball and nobody else don't seem to take the calendar more seriously neither.

The team has been invited back to the Interior League which was out of their class two years ago, but may be back in the Fraser Valley loop which they outclassed last year. Or, since it is expensive and support lacks interest, they may go fishing, which they preferred to a Dominion Day cash tournament. Sparkplug George Scihsler has apparently given up.

THE NOT SO BRAVES

Boston (Milwaukee) Braves have been in the Nat. since its founding, 1876—club formed 1871 Riva Red Sox born with rival American League 30 years later. Milwaukee was a charter member too of the National—and the Amerk and defunct Federal too. Braves won ten pennants.

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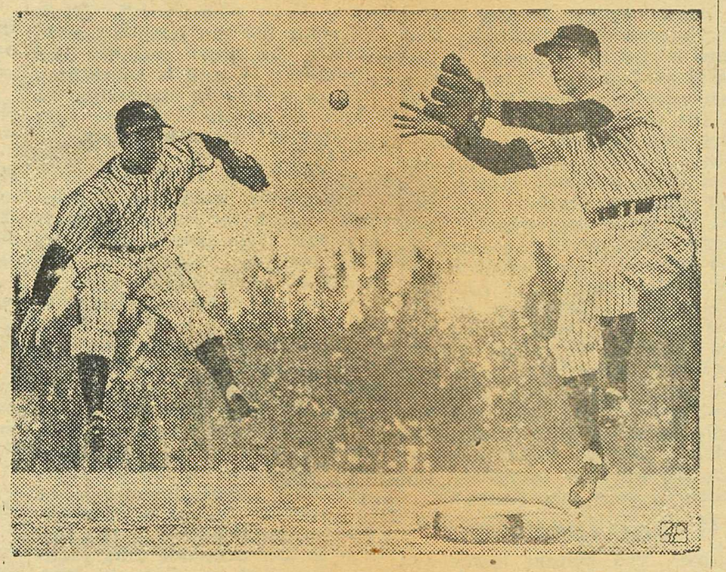

Sportslight

Keremeos Lasses Hoop Champions

Keremeos (Similkameen)) high school girls are class B basketball champions of Okanagan - Similkameen. After winning the local title they took both games of a home-and-home series with Veron. The Keremeos boys narrowly failed against Salmon Arm

BOYS

49 (h)	Keremeos-SalmonArm	52
54 (a)		58
103		110

GIRLS

21 (h)	Keremeos—Vernon	15
31 (a)		22
52		37

THE CHAMPS — Misses Van Santen. Schmunk. Boult, McGonigle. A. Knowles. Weller. W. Knowles. Lofroth. Bernard, E. Innis. B. Innis. Bravo!

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High School Basketball

Princeton Boys 46, Penticton 36
(C. Ceccon 26)
Princeton Girls 14—Oliver 18.
Princeton Jr. Girls 6, Keremeos 8
Princeton Boys 44, Keremeos 53
(C. Ceccon 26) (J. Beale 22)
Princeton Boys 27—Oliver 25
(C. Ceccon 16)
Keremeos Jr. Boys 15, Prnctn 12
Keremeos Jr. Girls 14, Prnctn 5
Keremeos 40, Princeton 40 (tie)
Keremeos Girls 11, Princeton 11
Keremeos Girls 34, Osoyoos 14
(P. Schmunk 22)
Keremeos Boys 47, Osoyoos 34
(T. McLaren 22)
Princeton Girls 15, Keremeos 13
(B. Purich 6) (M. Vansanten 6
Princeton Girls 14, Oliver 18
Princeton Boys 27. Oliver 25
Princeton Boys 65, Hope 19
(Ceccon 35)
Princeton Girls 37, Hope 5
Keremeos Boys 53. Princeton 44
Keremeos Sr. Girls 13. Prnctn 13
Keremeos Jr. Girls 8 Prnctn 4
Oliver Boys 35. Princeton 28
Keremeos Girls 22. Penticton 12
Keremeos Boys 50, Penticton 39
Keremeos Girls 19. Summerld 15
Keremeos Boys 48. Summerld 26

One-Win Wilson

Stan Wilson got his usual one triumph a season when he beat Corsi of Copper Mtn. after an extra end in the Copper Mtn. 'spiel main event Hoy, Princeton beat Lambert, Copper Mtn. in the other final.

BOBBY'S BEST

Princeton mixed foursome final curling event was won by Bob Mitchell's rink, beating Hancox in the main final. Ralph Anderson won the secondary event.

OUR WOMEN WIN

Mrs. L. Kirby's Copper Mtn. entry won the Merchants' Trophy at Kamloops.

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NATIONAL

	W	L	D	F-A	Pts.
Detroit	36	16	18	222-133	90
Montreal	28	23	19	155-148	75
Boston	2..	29	13	152-172	69
Chicago	27	28	15	169-175	69
Toronto	27	30	13	156-167	67
New York	17	27	16	152-211	50

PACIFIC COAST

	W	L	D	Pts.
Saskatoon	35	26	9	79
Vancouver	32	28	10	74
Calgary	31	27	12	74
Edmonton	31	28	11	73
Seattle	30	32	8	68
Westminster	29	33	8	66
Tacoma	27	31	12	66
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Big League Spring Training Sehedule

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Cards—St. Petersburg, Fla.	—18
Dodgers—Vero Beach, Cal.	—19
Cubs—Mesa, Arizona	—19
Phillies—Clearwater, Va.	—19
Pirates—Havana, Cuba	—20
Senators—Orlando, Fla.	—20
White Sox—El Centro, Cal.	—20
Tigers—Lakeland, Fla.	—22
Yankees— St. Petersburg Fla	—22
Browns—San Bernardino Cal	-22
Giants—Phoenix, Arizona	—23
Indians—Tucon, Arizona	—23
Braves—Bradentown, Fla.	—24
Red Sox—Saratosa, Fla.	—25
Cincinnati Reds—Tampa, Fla	-26

Baseball's Bonus Rule Tightened

IMPORTANT changes made at the annual baseball meeting affect the chances of your favorite big league team.

Bonus rule has been tightened to curb grabbing and farming out of bright prospects.

Waivers must now be asked of all clubs in both leagues.

Players can't be sent down to sit out injuries, replaced by fit ones and can't be brought up after July 31.

Cuteness under the old rules has particularly favored Yankee strategy—and pennants

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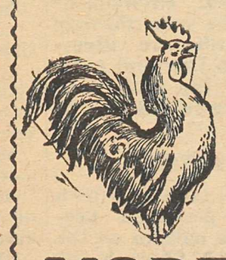

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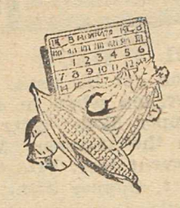

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The Problem:

(FROM PAGE ONE)

on, good, vital good, would die in its own ex remity. There is the axiom of the social contract, the inexorable arithmetic of the invisible ledger behind efficient auditor's reports. Society must help a man to help himself in self-responsibility and responsibility to the social contract. The tally is inexorable. It must fail in neither kindness nor firmness or the breakdown is certain and the same.

Selfishness is the death of spontaneous goodwill. Efficiency keeps account, sees that each puts in his share. That is good business, good government in the contract

No Miracles

Now in complexity we are a long way from the simplicity of the Samaritan, but careless of the axiom the advantages are those of the atom bomb. A man who does not value the saving of his life and health and all they mean to his individual aspirations simply does not value his life and strength, his individuality; and a society which, taking them as its charge, encourages that carelessness. does him and itself doubtful service. Mathematics rather than miracles is the true—and Christian — way.

We much mistake sentimentality for sentiment. The charity of the Samaritan is serene and sacred; that which expects society to bear our burdens and subsidize our sins is a sordid something else. In the materialism of the age we forget that the ideal is the real; in our mania of efficiency and accountancy we forget the mathematics of the axiom and true values.

To the savage, the value of injury or illness—and recovery — is direct and real. But we can smash up ten million dollars worth of areoplane in an afternoon, and alcohol and gasoline are more vital in our scheme than blood. Our homes, our standards would make the simple savave gape. But he values his life, his health in simple selfishness which we have strangely improved upon in social sophistication. We can afford politics and pageantry—to fail to drool to them may indicate a sluggish liver. but they are hardly prescribed therapy for the ill. Are we luckier than the savage? For we—and the truth—are the same

Many Wrongs

The disease can infect both sides of the social contract. In bureaucracy and politics government is hardly the service of the good Samaritan, nor is its efficiency all enlightened. The hospitals. human too, are as susceptible. Some of us in a saner sense of values which truth will justify cannot afford the luxury and the licence of a frenzied age. We have a right, a need. to argue that society cannot justify them, and proscribe our essentials, in any magic of deficit book-keeping, illusion of efficiency. It is senseless sentimentality to charge us fortunes for separating Siamese twins when we go short of calories to pay. Truth is something hard. It is inexorable and individual. Somebody has to pay and there is no mass magic to pay for what we can't or won't afford Collectivism is all too tempted to forget this, which is why collectivism can never compete with individualism and state schemes cannot work in the licence on both sides. where everyone tries to take all he can out of the pot. Life is a ledger, not a lottery.

Costly Selfishness

We have always paid too much for hospitals as for all else because of the refuge and rakeoff in collectivism. We pay the grocery bills the other fellow defaults. in higher prices. If we paid directly for our schools and other "social" services—as personally vital as food and water and more than alcohol, we would be much more sane in our apportionments and get much better value from them. Only stop to calculate, for we pay extravagantly for what we "get for nothing." It just isn't in the mathatics of truth, and shrewder and even less scrupulous selfishness exploits our carelessness of the axiom.

No one can win a war, and in the end we all lose by this civil war, a debauchery of selfishness for the nobility demanded by collectivism. The shrewd and the unscrupulous will sell you anything for a price and business and politics have given "leadership" that has been taken up by the common man, until nothing is sacred and grab and tug of war is the authority opposing the authority of truth, enforced by atom bombs, the new ultimate of wisdom. Hardly an atmosphere of healing. Law and press give the lead to the professions prostituting the sacred searchlights..

Social Disease

And so public taste has been bankrupted by perverted prophets in the same pattern as the atom bomb. Dinah Shore is far more successful than Shakespeare, and the customer is right, at a price. The dollar the alpha and omega of success. Where is it in the natural authority? It is the graven image we give the authority of the god of truth. Offer a billion to a rock and create a rose. What can you really buy? For reason and research alike reveal the material symbol to effort and incentive; a symbol cannot be a substitute. In the perversion of materialism lies all our ills. It is because we legalize bad incentive that hospitals languish. It is a common disease.

No Favorites

The medical profession has not been altogether true to its oath its ideal. Who can and $succeed? Hospitals have not always helped their moral cause. For bed and board in a bleak ward you often pay more than in a swank hotel. The books can always justify it in deficit and always will incentive other than to honor. Can you buy life? Or do millionaires and majesties die too? Can you really pay for life and health and knowledge, anything really worth while? In the cruder, less successful civilizations they have a reward of honor, a true social aristocracy where recognition pays more than $$ can buy in any sphere. We have poisoned ours with puppets. Only $ count.

So there are some things—the vital things—money cannot buy, and you pay dearly when you sell out your professions. Truth cannot blossom in the commercial press or pulpit or justice in the politcal court, and you cannot conceive Sophocles or any true teacher in trade union tactics or Saint Florence Nightgale picketing your sick bed. You could reward her, in sainthood rather than silver, but you could no more pay her than the shilling paid the soldiers whose sacrifice was her incentive. You perish in your own $nare.

Wrong Incentive

Now you cannot blame the nurse or the teacher that they ask pay in your own currency, and it is as true that squandered Samaritanism cannot survive, its nobility exploited. But there is no aternative in the social contract save slavery, and that is what selfishness votes for: the impossible licence cannot be.

You cannot blame them, but they can blames themselves in the truth they have known, the ideal and the mission, and its real reward. It is hard to be victimized for nobleness; but the great and the successful have always been. It is the glory of greatness and only those who have known it have known true pay at all. This is no plea for sentimental sainthood. Ideals can be practical; they are the true blueprint of the bridge, the song within the egg, and they will hatch and thrive; they can never be supplanted. The $ has no place in nature's towards; it will buy none of nature's values. If you cannot run hospitals without it, you as surely cannot make them with it. However hard, you sell your birthright dear.

After all, life and health are only vehicles for values we have lost the value of. Is our distortion be wondered at?

Cure It!

It does not help—or satisfy—to bandy "you made we what I am", for pot and kettle to counter - accuse, any more than in curse the ill you need to cure

Or to dismiss academic analysis as impractical ideology. Appendicitis is proved in just the same approach to truth.

And it is as wise to ignore the diagnosis in seeking the cure. Behind this common problem of dollars is one of common decency and common sense.

It is not working, and assay shows why it cannot work, for all the proscribing pressures. Legislate away the natural authority if you can. Vote away appendicitis. Or accept the equal inexorableness of moral mathematics. Society cannot succeed in selfishness, only in enlightened selfishness, only in enligghtened co-operation with the axioms, just as in mechanics; you get just so much out of so much gas, and efficiency means getting the best — not running out of the gas you failed to put in.

Reward Virtue

We give our automobiles every incentive to work well. What incentive was there ever to pay hospital bills. to nurse in the true tradition. where the whole incentive of our competition and reward is to get the most for the least. Man is essentially a noble animal, or evolution becomes devolution.

What incentive? Society thinks —whatever it says — the good Samaritan a fool. in the success of getting all you can from whomever you can, paying an unrealized rakeoff to politics for it, and passing a sordid pittance to charity and church.

Nobility. The boss exploits it and the union blackballs it. What incentive to keep out of hospital and to pay your bills nobly when it means having to pay for the indifferent and ignoble. When you

pay a premium is not the incentive to collect for it?

What incentive to good citizenship when you have the same voice and better bargain in selfishness and stupidity? To counter a housing shortage our brilliant noble leaders give incentive by seizing the natural rights of those who will build and giving to those who won't. Their salvation for the hospitals is in exactly the same morality and psychology — and is succeeding just as well — in shattering the remnants of the nobility that sustains a truly sick society.

Make It Work

Everything works by a principle, based on inexorable natural law. The creator discovers the principle and invents the machine. The expert keeps it working in eager obedience to the principle. If a driver beats an over-strained horse you call him a brute; if he fills his gas tank with water or tries to get by on half the necessary gas, if he takes out the fuse to cure an ignition fault, you call him a fool. But in the human workings your fool, your dreamer is he who applies practice to principle. The successful realist is the fool who makes principle suit practice. Your $$ gravitate to him, you worship him as your social god, you elect him to make your laws. Your courts say "we are not here to hear sense or judge laws; we are here to enforce them." And the same men who say it complain—to you — that they can't do what they contract in that fallacy of arrogation.

Equality is a grand ideal; it is natural myth. The only divinity of the human animal is that he is given the wit to know how things work, not the authority to make them work his own selfish way: how could they in conflicting selfishnesses?

The fallacy of our equality is the equality of franchise where to be wrong is worth as much as to be right. Try it on your garden.

Rogues' Bargain

Politics, a bargain for power, tries to accommodate—really to exploit this fallacy. Sense, principle and truth are in this condition sublimated to expediency And equality becomes taking from one to give to another, the principle of deserving forgotten, the negation of the formula of progress. which we must earn, we cannot exact, cannot vote.

Natural law gives as is needed —and deserved. The undeserving must give way for progress. But we assume the very fallacy nature denies. We explode it in history. We ridicule it in Russia, its denial is our biggest tax on progress. But we demand it for ourselves. We assume it, enforce it, even to punishing the deserving for the undeserving. And it can't work, and it kills right incentive. and lawmakers tinker and make it worse, and vital hospitals do not pay. But the things that fill them flourish.

Now truth and nature ride inexorable against their enemies, and man has no scruples against his more in expediency than morality. In and among ourselves these things are truly enemies, and we have no special divinity.

The social contract rests on co operative, intelligent individualism; without it some must put in more than their share or it cannot balance or survive. That is no equality; and to penalize effort and nobility, to subsidize unworthiness and swing the spirit of law and convention to approve it is just the wrong incentive. Nothing is more anti-social than this kind of socialism.

Each His Own

A man's life and health are vitally his. See how all nature clings to them. And when he ignores his debts to society in them he is unworthy of them, of his manhood and of his citizenship which rests on it.

The social contract works only as each contributes his share. In the original democracy the qualification was enforced. It can never be ignored. You had in the conception of democracy to earn your citizenship. In working democracy you always will. You can't in the fallacy vote or legislate that or any truth away. You see what happens when you try. But you pass laws to make you immune. And your hospitals won't work when they don't. So you tinker some more.

There will always be room for the charity; we can never dispense with it. We will all at some time need help to help ourselves to adequacy. It will be no help unless we deserve and use and value it. It is the opposite of help and true charity which it discourages that. Samaritanism is not good when it is squandered; and it soon languishes in abuse. The hospitals are example of that.

In an advanced and materially efficient age this deficiency is elementary and elemental morality denies and disgraces us; it makes atomic atrocities of our best efforts.

It is inevitable where we forget that principle prescribes practice, distorts and perverts vital value and incentive. We were made to work one way, to find success and happiness in it. In an age of uncommon discovery we need a rediscovery of common decency and common sense.

The Answer -

(FROM PAGE ONE)

Now if we are to endorse the principle of government hospitals — as valid as government schools—let us do it honestly and efficiently. And this experience has been poor recommendation.

But the government obviously doesn't want the responsibility. It has sneaked out of what it had Really, it wants hospitals, paid for, without it having to pay, which would be socialism; not so terrible, since it has always risked corrupting the schools with it (and apparently succeeded!) So it contrives a special and amazing kind of non-state socialism just for hospitals, and of cousre makes a mess of it—the prerogative of politics.

Let's at least have one thing or the other. And if we voted for Socialism the wrong party is in office.

But let's not; let's get back to simple honesty, which after all is pretty hard to beat for efficiency, and pay our own bills. Who can't—and who can't, given opportunity and incentive in this favored land, these standards?—is valid charitible charge against our taxes.

Charity we can always afford; but we cannot afford to encourage, and so destroy and defeat it. We must help a man to help him self to adequate citizenship. But he is of no value to himself or to society when he expects soceity to carry him. That is not freedom it is not democracy. Only in truth is true freedom, for only it will work in equality for all in all things. And so democracy. Deny it and you abandon freedom and equality—and your own.

TRUE CHARITY

Encourage him to provide in the best bargain he can make, in the best bargain of equal truth. A hypocritical tax masquerading as a charity is no incentive. If he cannot pay, let the state pay for him, as a loan, not a gift And before he buys, say, an automobile, collect. The tax collector and the auto financer are not noted for their charity.

In this luxurious age we take all too much for granted, enjoying luxury where in prima effort few would survive. And truth, democracy, freedom, are no magic, but mathematics. They cannot be taken for granted. Without the contract, careless of life and heath not survive. The contract cannot survive in individual carelessness multiplied. Who does not value and contribute his share is unworthy of equal partnership in that contract. Careless of his debt in life and health, he is lower than the lowest form of life, which values, or perishes. You cannot bargain that away. In politics, we do that all too glibly, giving equality to the irreconcilably unequal Originally, equal citizenship had to be earned, derived from no divinity. Essentially, to work, it must always be. If instead of subsidizing unworthiness we penalized it, our ills would vanish and our hospitals would pay and we would enjoy freedom and prosperity in this plenteous age inconceivable in this expensive selfishness.

REAL FREEDOM

The inexorable corollary of freedom is self-responsibleness. In a free democracy each must bear his share. It is bad government and sick society that encourages servile unworthiness. In this favored land there is no place and no excuse for it. It is cause, not cure, of the ills it seeks to solve. The solution is as simple as truth—and as difficult, in selfishness. But there is no better, no other, way.

BUILDING PLAN

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on the day rate, for replacement and expansion.

Under the Hamilton provincial survey, Princeton is destined for a new modern 60-bed hospital on a site below the airport.

In 1952 the government radically amended this hospital's depreciation account — made it three times as rich as it wanted to be.

Under the local depreciation scale some assets had diminished to the vanishing point. The hospital taxed operating costs for their replacement. The government estimates their present value on the basis of their replacement cost—not depreciation reserve. So that fixed assets, instead of again diminishing, jumped this year by a stroke of the pen from $47,664 to $157,061. It is a paper fortune and each side admits there is some point in the year's reckoning.

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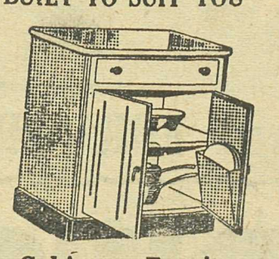

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