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Would Live In Trailer

Pastor of the Evangelical Free Church here has no place to live so the city council has been asked to permit him to dwell in a trailer which would be parked on the lot of a friend whose home conveniences would be available. It was also suggested to council last night the trailer might be placed on a lot and a temporary building erected which would contain conveniences.

This would be only a temporary arrangement, it was pointed out in a letter from Mrs. L. Dixon as the Free Evangelical Church had a building project under way.

The church has been holding forth at 415 Fifth Avenue East but the owner of the house has returned to the city and resumed occupancy, leaving the pastor without living quarters.

The matter was referred to the board of works and health department with power to act.

City council and health department has looked dimly in the past on trailer dwelling.

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Christmas Austerity In Britain

Winston Churchill Has People Facing Situation Realistically

LONDON. — Britain's Christmas food problems are stirring the political pot here as lustily as anyone is likely to stir his Christmas pudding.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government has been unfortunate enough to have to announce lower rations, increased food prices, and no customary Christmas food bonuses all at the same time at the very period of the year when thoughts are turning to festivity.

Just to add still more to the austerity atmosphere, banks have announced that private overdrafts are to be restricted and loan charges are to rise. The banks say they are acting in line with the government policy which insists "you must live within your income."

CHURCHILL RESOLUTE

At least no one can say the Churchill government is shirking what it considers to be its duty in the interests of national economy. A government as new as Mr. Churchill's might have been excused for saying "Let's celebrate till after Christmas and then get down to hard facts." But Mr. Churchill is leaving to see Mr. Truman at the end of December. He wants to be able to report the British already are making determined efforts to live within their means.

This pre-Christmas action on food, however, has stirred a heated political controversy.

An all-day and half-night battle raged November 29. The Conservatives blamed the Laborites for having let the food position run down by their mismanagement.

The latter charged that the Tory chief co-ordinating both food and agriculture, Lord Woolton, had shamelessly wooed the housewives in the October general election and then "given them the bird."

The debate, however, was one of remarkable changing moods and one moment it was bitter, the next the whole Commons was rocking with laughter.

Laborite benches pressed a motion censuring the Churchill government for not giving the usual Christmas bonuses such as a few extra ounces of sugar, candy and meat. The government defeated this motion by 301 votes against 264.

Earlier, Mr. Churchill's minister of agriculture, Sir Thomas Dugdale, had announced that food prices would have to rise by £26,000,000 a year as a result of new prices to be paid farmers to compensate them for higher costs, notably in wages and fertilizers.

The farmers had asked for £40,000,000 to meet their extra costs.

Housewives will have to pay extra food costs because the Churchill government like the late Labor government of Clement R. Attlee refuses to allow food subsidies to rise above a ceiling of £40,000,000 a year.

Laborites show fierce disagreement at the increased granted to farmers. There is a constant chorus that the farmers are being "featherbedded."

The Conservatives ask why there was such indignation against the farmers when nationalized industries like coal and electricity and railways put up their charges whenever wages and other costs rise.

SOLDIER-SAILOR—Able seaman Jack Duff of Winnipeg "jumped" ship so he could exchange bullets with Communist forces in Korea. In a letter home the 21-year-old sailor described how he shot two Chinese soldiers while he was fighting with Canadian patrol units. After being discovered Duff was docked 50 days' pay and sentenced to 30 days' detention. (CP PHOTO)

They Never Wait For Old George B.

The appointed hour of 8 o'clock had come for last night's city council meeting and the mayor was not in his chair.

It was six minutes after when aldermen wondered what should be done. The city clerk turned up the act and read that, after 15 minutes without the mayor showing up, the clerk should call the meeting to order.

Ald. Casey did not see why they should have to wait 15 minutes.

"But it's in the act," reiterated the clerk.

"Well, they never waited 15 minutes for me," retorted "Old George B.", who was sitting on city councils before some of today's aldermen were born.

The mayor showed up before the deadline, moved onto his dais with a quiet "Good evening, gentlemen," and called the meeting to order.

Gifted Violinist Started as Child

TORONTO (CP) — Betty-Jean Hagen has fudge-brown hair with matching eyes. And she can't remember when music wasn't "a part of my life."

At 21, this tall—she's five feet 7½ inches—Edmonton-born violinist has behind her more successful concerts than many a musician twice her age. Now she is starting on a two-month tour of Europe.

This isn't her first visit overseas. In London and Paris she is due to play in halls where she has appeared before. Paris she particularly remembers because it was there last June that she won the coveted Pathe Marconi prize for 1951. She was the first Canadian to do so.

"The entrants came from all over the world and there were 15 or so judges," she said in a recent interview. "Competition was very keen and French audiences are quick to show whether or not they like the performer."

How does a musician get started? At 3, Betty-Jean was hiding behind the swin-doors in the family livingroom initating her older brother as he practiced his singing.

"I couldn't speak very well but I got the rhythm," she recalled.

CONCENTRATED ON VIOLIN

A couple of years later she was winning prizes at Alberta Music Festivals—for her singing. But by the time she was 10 she began to find studies which included piano and violin lessons a little too strenuous. She gave up the piano and turned her attention to the violin.

Betty-Jean has all kinds of regrets—for the things she would like to do but hasn't been able to find the time.

She likes dancing and confesses she was never interested in jazz music until she learned to "understand" it in modern dancing.

She likes to paint but there has only been time for that when illness has prevented her from playing.

"When I used to be laid up with chicken-pox or something as horrible I would get out my brush and paints and go to it," she said. "I was in my heyday."

Riding is a favorite sport and she's looking forward to some of that perhaps next summer, engagement-book permitting.

Cooking and sewing? She hasn't had much time for the former but has found it "lots of fun" when she has tried it. She prefers to leave any sewing to her mother although she likes designing clothes.

As for marriage, that will have to wait.

"Oh yes, I have thought of it," she admits. "But there's still lots of time and I am still very young—and there is so much to do."

Hospital W.A. Essay Contest

Members of hospital auxiliaries throughout British Columbia are being invited to enter an essay contest on the subject of "How May Hospital Auxiliaries Best Assist Their Hospitals?", the prize being $100 offered by Judge and Mrs. J. Milton George. The contest closes February 28 and the scripts are limited to 500 words. The essay convener is Mrs. Forbes Perkins of 6850 Montgomery Street, Vancouver.

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