FOOD RATIONING STILL HEADACHE FOR HOUSEWIVES IN GT. BRITAIN

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LONDON—Britain's diet sheet in 1948 see-saws between scarcity and sufficiency, with gains in food supplies in one direction offset by losses in another.

The margarine ration is helped by a few more whales taken in the Antarctic and weakened by slow progress in bringing new acres of peanuts to production in Africa.

A three - month agreement with Canada ensures bacon shipments for the time being, but future meat supplies from Argentine, which provides one-third of Britain's needs, are jeopardized by difficulties in negotiation.

Poland, Denmark, Russia and other European countries undertake to send food for man and beast, but they can't send enough to compensate for the £66,000,000 ($264,000,000) reduction in food purchases from dollar countries.

Vast Australian areas of waste land will be brought into use to raise livestock and crops, helped by British finances if necessary. But it will be years before this production fattens the British ration. In the meantime, Food Minister Strachey says he may be unable to maintain the potato ration of three pounds a head weekly.

Soon the peace will be three years old—and British rations are smaller than when Hitler stood on the French coast. The new year dawned with the promise rations would give the individual 2,700 calories daily compared with 2,870 in 1947 and 3,000 before the war.

SUBSIDIES STAYED, PRICES MOUNT

Food prices are increasing. Shell eggs have been boosted from 1s 9d to 3s a dozen. Other recent increases have been bacon, up by between 5d and 9d a pound, sugar by from 3d to 5d and tea by an average of 4d.

These gains follow the government decision to hold present food subsidies at the present level of about £392,000,000 ($1,568,000,000) annually. This means that when higher prices are paid for Canadian bacon and similar imports the individual consumer feels the effect at once.

Britain's children still get special consideration, including rations of cod liver oil and orange juice and free milk in schools. But older people especially elderly couples or those who live alone, find rationing increasingly harsh. The basic ration which includes nine ounces of bread daily, 1s worth of meat weekly and eight ounces of butter and fats, provides a bare subsistence diet.

Extras which used to be available, such as canned meat, dried eggs and imported apples, are harder to find.

Food Minister Strachey is often under fire at housewives' meetings. In his own Dundee constituency he was silenced by women who shouted that there was plenty of food but they were not allowed to buy it. Strachey later said the women were from the better-off section of the community and had nothing to grumble about.

LONG COASTLINE

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PEG GETS ARMADILLO

WINNIPEG (CP)—The Texas armadillo that died here last year while travelling with a circus is the latest addition to the Manitoba Museum. The armadillo, about the size of a beaver, is related to the ant-eater and the sloth.

CO-OPERATION OF PARENTS

In speaking on the subject of "The Home and the School" at the Borden Street School Parent-Teacher meeting last evening, A. M. Hurst, principal of Booth Memorial High School, stressed the necessity for closer co-operation and fuller understanding between parents and teachers. The problems of home were reflected in the behaviour of the child at school. Parents and teachers should know each other so that the parent would know the objectives and methods of the school system and the teacher, and the teacher would know the background of the child. It was right that parents should be critical of different methods of teaching, different forms of report cards and different textbooks but they should learn the reasons for these by discussing them with the teachers direct. No parent needed to apologize for taking up a teacher's time by discussing with the teacher problems connected with his child's education. A teacher invited such co-operation, and parents, teachers and children all benefitted.

In the business session preceding the program, Mrs. Dan Parent was appointed delegate to the Prince Rupert Film Council. The Association decided to raise funds to provide for the care and education for a period of three months of an orphan under the plan inaugurated by the Unitarian Church for assistance to needy children in Europe. A committee consisting of Mrs. S. A. Cheeseman, Mrs. Nixon, Mrs. Weise, Mrs. Amos, Mrs. Dominato, Mrs. W. McLeod and Mrs. Lineham was named to look after a sale of candy and home cooking to be held March 25 to raise funds for the care of the "adopted orphan."

Mrs. S. J. Anderson was named as the association's choice for delegate to the Parent-Teacher Convention.

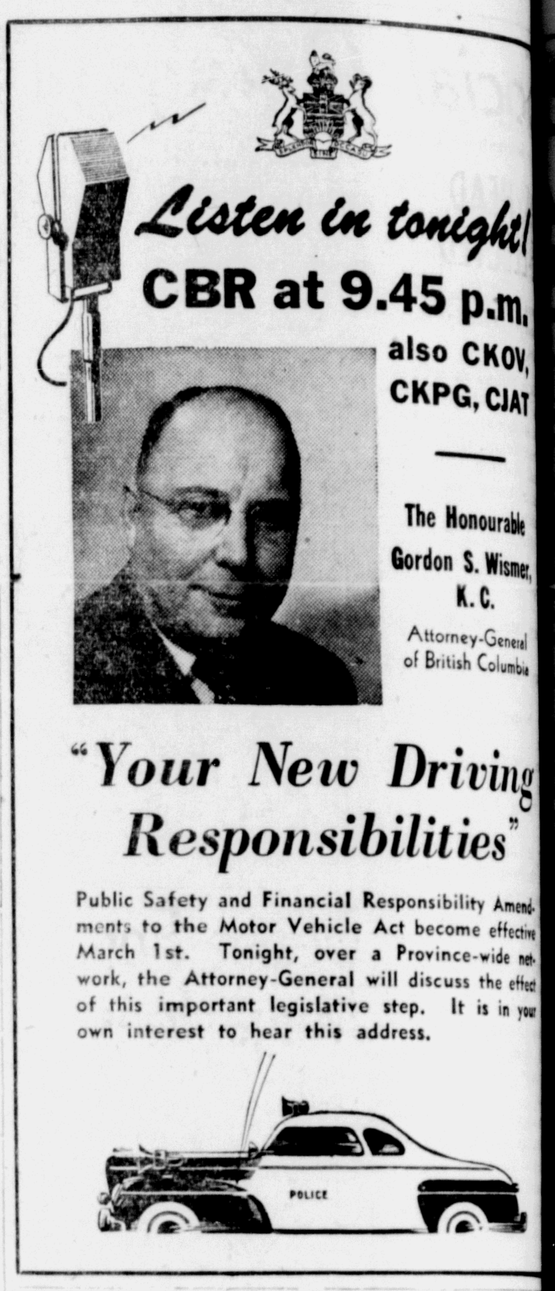
An enjoyable musical program was provided by Olive Strand with well executed piano-accordion solos and a vocal duet by Ivy Gillespie and Mary Lou Lunn with Jacquely Moore accompanying. Olive Strand also played for the singing of "O Canada" and the National Anthem. The program had been arranged by Mrs. H. C. Flood.

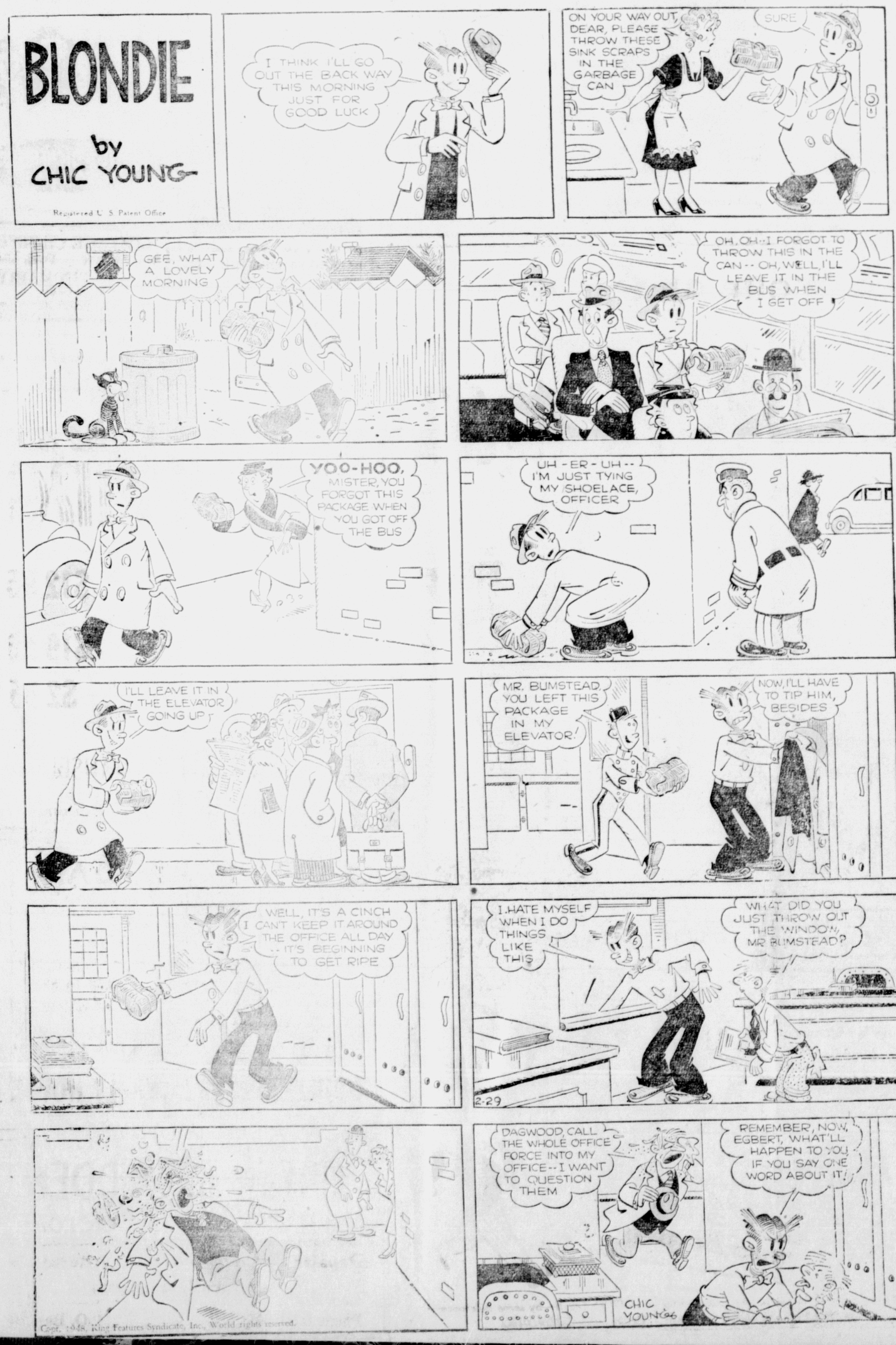
Before refreshments were served, the problem of children being on the streets too late at nights was considered. It was generally recognized that the parents were to blame but it was also felt that steps should be taken by some city officials or organizations to see that the practice, with all its attendant dangers, should be checked.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Principal Hurst for his interesting and challenging address, and also to the girls, all pupils of Borden Street School, for their enjoyable items.

Mrs. W. J. Lineham assisted by Mrs. Dominato, Mrs. D. Parent and Mrs. Cheeseman, served delightful refreshments.

Carlo Hansen, president of Borden Street School P.T.A., was in the chair and Mrs. T. B. Black, secretary, recorded the business.





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Better English

By D. C. WILLIAMS

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "We are happy to have him in our midst."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "peony"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Commodore, sophamore.

ANSWERS

1. Say, "We are happy to have him among us." 2. Pronounce pe-o-ni, e as in pea, o as in no, i as in it, accent first syllable. 3. Sophomore.

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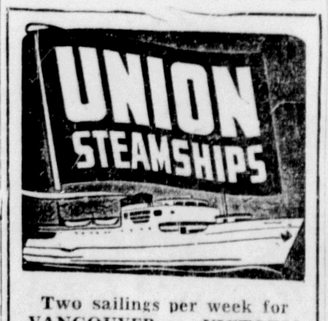

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