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**EDITORIAL**

**Dogs Get Less for Tax, Too**

Even the dogs seem to get less for their dollar in these days of shrinking values and rising costs. Many years ago the annual license fee gave the canines 365 days of liberty. Then of later years the days of freedom, the run of the town, to make inspection of garbage, trees, hydrants, etc. have been curtailed from May until September. At least that is the law that every effort has been made to impress on the canine mind and also the owners of dogs.

In these days of beautiful gardens and home surroundings and fenceless properties there is a growing demand for fewer dogs and further curtailment of liberties in towns. Even in the farming district the dog that worries animals is unwanted and if caught worrying sheep may be dispatched with little argument.

Trouble seems to be that the dogs are slow to understand the laws and loathe to give up their inborn habits which are detrimental to beauty spots and rough on garbage collection and community neatness. These are the days if you like your dog it is best to keep him close to you at all times. Unintentionally he can get you and himself in a lot of trouble by his lack of understanding of modern trends or your carelessness for a minute.

His tax doesn't allow him to run at large these days. The majority of folks think dogs a great nuisance especially in summer time—and as a rule majorities win. So, if you really like your dog you'll have to give him more consideration and more of your companionship during the days when his liberties are curtailed. The rights of dogs are getting fewer—even his tax doesn't buy what it used to allow.

**Bonfires Are Dangerous**

Fire is a good friend of the gardener in cleaning up and getting ready for the new season but, like all drastic remedies, it can also be abused. Grass fires should also be watched with care—already local fire-fighters have been called to extinguish grass fires which had spread beyond the control of the party responsible.

This is the time of year when old weeds, brush and dry grass is cleared away and burned. There should be no need to point out that destruction by fire of rubbish from gardens, as well as that collection of odd papers, boxes, and the like discarded by the housewife during spring cleaning, should be done with extreme caution. A bonfire of this nature must be watched constantly.

The danger of spring breezes whisking bits of flaming debris onto roofs or alongside buildings cannot be over emphasized. Keep an eye on that fire!—Smith Falls Record News.

**Through Highways**

Gone are the days when it was considered necessary for highways to go through the business sections of every community. In fact, some communities feel it is advantageous for through traffic to be routed away from the business section. Travellers appreciate, too, such highways as the Queen Elizabeth where it is easy to reach any town or city but not compulsory to become tangled with local parking and traffic congestion.

Studies in California show that proximity to arterial highways can be a mixed blessing and that business communities by-passed by new high-speed routes sometimes reap astonishing benefits.

The Seattle Times reports that the California division of highways made an exhaustive study of the effects on North Sacramento of the opening of a "freeway" by-passing that community. The "freeway" replaced about four miles of state highway that had served more than 200 abutting businesses.

Average daily traffic dropped off 44 per cent. after the new road was opened, but the total volume of business in the district in the ensuing two-year period rose by approximately 31 per

cent. Benefits to the retail trade were especially marked.

The California division of highways concluded that "removal of highway traffic from a downtown business district usually results in a betterment to merchandizing establishments such as department stores, grocery stores and other businesses catering primarily to foot traffic, principally because of the better parking conditions and easier pedestrian movement."

**This Concerns Everyone**

In the current wage demands of the railway workers we have a dispute that is of direct interest to every citizen, states The Financial Post. This is not because most people have a vital stake in railway services but because any increase in wages will have to come out of the taxpayers and the consumer.

Railways haven't any hidden hoard out of which these new wage demands can be met. The Canadian National is already reporting substantial deficits and the modest profit of the Canadian Pacific wouldn't pay more than a fraction of the increase sought.

The railway workers know their demands can only come from increased freight rates or government subsidies or both. In other words it is the Canadian public which will have to pay. And if there is any hesitation about that paying the railway unions threaten to tie-up all railway traffic, all railway offices and all railway hotels.

And when Donald Gordon was made President of the C.N.R. many thought it was quite an honor. Taking the trouble of any big concern on one's shoulders, is a thankless job in these days of constant threats of strikes, sit-downs and quarrelling labor.

**Pensions Mean Savings**

Unless the people of today save as they go and invest their capital in the means of production, they cannot have pensions in their old age, declares The Scene.

It is true that payments of every kind must be taken out of current production, but even the inadequate production of today has been made possible by the savings of yesterday. Not only must current production provide for increasing population, it must take care of an increasing number of old people.

It is estimated that there are eight earners today for each person over sixty-five. Ten years from now there will be five earners for each person over sixty-five. If all persons over sixty-five are to be made dependent upon public and private pensions, one of the cruellest things that could be done to a physically and mentally fit person, the means of production must be greatly increased.

Pensions and money magic will not provide the needs of tomorrow's pensioners. Today's experience proves that inflation has so lowered the value of the money saved by thrifty people for their old age that many who had provided for modest comfort are now in actual want.

Pension contributions must constitute a sufficient reserve of capital to ensure adequate production to pay the pensions when they come due or the payments in dollars will be worthless. Pensions can be promised in any amount of money and the money can be printed to pay them, but pensions cannot be truly paid in goods and services unless sufficient capital is saved as the pension burden grows.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Roads are still breaking up badly as the frost comes out of the ground. Must have been quite a cold winter.

This is the week of adjustment to daylight saving time and no further change will be required until September. Mail times are a bit confusing.

The National Institute for the Blind is making its annual appeal for funds. Be thankful for your own eyesight and generous to those who are not so blessed.

It seems that the calendar date isn't always the best day to open the fishing season. Saturday didn't attract so many or leave many stories of big catches of trout.

Now you can relax since filing your income tax returns at least until municipal or other levies become payable because taxes are an all year round project these days—even if you don't see them.

The weekly newspaper field was shocked to learn of the sudden death on Thursday of A. V. Nolan, editor of the Stouffville Tribune and Reeve of Stouffville. A couple of months ago we met with Mr. Nolan in Brampton regarding a newspaper matter. He appeared in his usual health and spirits and he was far from being considered one of the older weekly newspaper editors. He gave splendid service to his day and his community and his passing will be regretted by a wide circle of friends.

**The Sunday School Lesson**

SUNDAY, MAY 7th 1950

**MORAL DECLINE**

Golden Text — My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Hosea 4: 6.  
 Lesson Text: Hosea 4: 1-9, 6: 1-3; 10: 12-13.  
 Exposition — I. Sin Destroyed the People 4: 1-9.

The prophet is not by Jehovah to deal with the people's sin. He comes bearing the "word of the Lord." It is the period of Israel's most awful decline. The moral failure of the people prefigure the nation's end, there was "no truth nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land" (v. 1). The people are given over to "swearing," "lying," "killing," "stealing" and "adultery." One follows the other. When men abandon truth, they generally become cruel. The knowledge of God is hated by all such (Ps. 2: 1-3; Jer. 4: 22; Jno. 8: 43-46). Morals cannot be kept high when the religious and immoral have their way in a nation's community life. Such is certain to bring the disfavor of God. "Therefore shall the land mourn." Every farmer knows how dependent upon Providence he is for good harvests. It takes rain, sun and wind in due time and season to bring desired results and all these are the gracious handwork of God. The barrenness of Palestine for 2,000 years is proof of judgment upon the land because of the moral and spiritual failure of the people (Jer. 4: 27; Joel 1: 10-13; Amos 1: 2, 5, 16). Such would never have happened to Israel had the people remained true to Jehovah (Deut. 11: 25-32; Prov. 10: 22).

Israel was destroyed for lack of knowledge (v. 6) but that was due to their rejection of it. When men refuse the knowledge of God when He has providentially made it available to them, they are especially guilty. They face the consequence of being rejected by Him (Isa. 1: 3, 4, 7, 5: 13, Matt. 7: 21-22). The soul that deliberately turns away from the grace of God goes in the direction of eternal death (Rom. 6: 23a; Zech. 11: 8, 9). Why should anyone take such a course? The knowledge of God is the richest acquisition of life, it is a possession nothing can take away from us but willful sin (Hos. 11: 7). II. Repentance: After Punishment 6: 1-3.

In the preceding chapter we read of the dire consequences of the withdrawal of Jehovah's favor. Ephraim was joined to his idols, therefore God would leave him to his own devices (Hos. 4: 17). This would inevitably bring these sinful backsliders into distress. Having rejected Jehovah, they would seek Him in vain (Hos. 5: 6). They would become like the godless nations of to-day, confused, weak, trembling, fear-ridden and uncertain of their course and drifting into chaos. "I will be to Ephraim as a lion" (Hos. 5: 14) is a severe punishment. It would mean that since they had rejected the goodness of God they would taste of His severity (Rom. 11: 22). What a pity that the sinful heart is willful as to turn from goodness and invite severity! It is the only way that stubborn sinners can be brought to the end of themselves. "In their affliction they will seek me early" (Hos. 6: 15).

That is what happened and that is the reason why we have the words in vs. 1-3. The faithful remnant calls upon the people to "return unto the Lord." He who has torn them will heal them. The very wounds caused by the severe judgment of God will be healed by His grace. Sin may reign unto death, but grace reigns unto life eternal (Rom. 5: 21). He who has smitten will bind up the wounds again. Truly God hath not dealt with us after our sins (Ps. 103: 10).

Repentance accomplishes a great deal. It places the sinner on the line for the healing of his wounds and brings about a spiritual resurrection. Just as verse 3 declares: "He will revive us." "He will raise us up." "We shall live in his sight." What a trio of blessings: a revival a spiritual resurrection (Eph. 2: 1) and a new life (2 Cor. 5: 10). These were what the faithful remnant could promise a decadent and wicked Israel and that is what we as Christians may promise the sinners who repent to-day, through the Gospel (Ac. 2: 37-41; 13: 38; 39).

This passage had an immediate reference to the return of Israel from Babylon to their own land, which later took place. Without doubt it also refers to the troubled times which await Israel and out of which a repentant remnant will be saved. The third verse has a direct reference to Israel, but it is always true for other people. Those who "follow on to know the Lord," that is, those who devote themselves to the knowledge of their beliefs (Heb. 11: 1). Such always find the Lord ministering providential blessings. There is nothing more needed than this today (2 Chron. 7: 14).

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