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SIDEWALKS NEEDED ON YONGE STREET

Following a shocking fatality in North York Township early this spring a large deputation of ratepayers waited on the municipal council and urged the necessity of the construction of sidewalks on Yonge Street. A bright young life had been snuffed out and public opinion was insistent that something must be done to protect those who use the highway as pedestrians. No time was lost and the council of North York township took immediate action, with the result workmen are to-day engaged in laying concrete sidewalks on both sides of Yonge Street north from Finch's corners.

That section of Yonge Street immediately south of Richmond Hill is used extensively by pedestrians and presents a tremendous hazard for all who use the highway. So far this year it is fortunate no fatality has occurred but we do not want to wait until some young life has been cut short before action is taken. Sidewalks for pedestrians are urgently needed on Yonge Street and we hope the municipal councils of Vaughan and Markham will take steps to see that same are constructed this present summer.

CANADA'S BIRTHDAY

To-day is Dominion Day and Canada celebrates a birthday. As is the custom on birthdays it is interesting to look backwards or at least stop and think of the wonderful progress which has been made in this young country in less than three-quarters of a century. At the time of Confederation Canada was for the most part a practically unknown wilderness and since that time this country has steadily grown until to-day it ranks amongst the foremost trading nations of the world. The enterprise and energy of the Canadian people acting on our unsurpassed natural resources have produced this result in what is a comparatively short space in the life of a nation. And as yet these resources scarcely have been tapped. The future looks bright for Canada. Despite the rather difficult times of the past few years it is now evident on every hand that we are emerging from the depression and that times definitely are better. We can only hope that the birthdays of the future will see Canadians looking out on the world with the same courage and loyalty as is everywhere evident in the Dominion to-day.

THE BUMP OF CURIOSITY

The other day we happened to witness a minor motor accident. What is it that attracts a crowd to an accident, or any of the things that are more or less daily happenings? It would appear to be a sort of peculiar inborn desire. Is it a good trait or not? On the whole we think it is good, provided it does not degenerate into morbid or vulgar curiosity.

The kind of crowd which gathers about a house or premises where murder or assault has been committed is distressing, inhuman and unpardonable. It only adds to the anguish and distress of those affected by the tragedy. When a loved one is lying in state, before burial, the practice of comparative strangers viewing the body is not commendable. This particularly applies to children who wander in, prompted by an unhealthy desire.

It is well and right that we should be interested in our fellow creatures, but that interest has to be kept within the bounds of decency and courtesy. All persons in public life suffer from too much attention from without. We venture to say that, for one who likes and glories in it, there are, we are sure, a dozen who dislike it extremely. If we all took as much trouble about our own business and affairs as we do about those of other people we should benefit by it.

We have in mind the Coronation procession. People standing for hours closely wedged together, often in positions where they can see little or nothing, yet in some mysterious way happier and more satisfied than if they had been sitting quietly and comfortably at home.

We are indeed queer creatures. Those of us who spend a good deal of time studying human nature come to the end of wonder. There is a lot of childishness still in mature humanity. It comes out on many occasions, and is never more in evidence than when there is any kind of peep show to be seen. We plead guilty ourselves. We would delight in seeing an old time Punch and Judy show.

Whenever there is a road accident, no matter how remote the spot, people seem to spring from secret hiding places, just to stand around and look on.

It is the same with a fire, which embarrasses the firemen. Any sort of happening out of the usual seems to make such appeal to human nature that it will go almost any length just to see what is going on.

What of many volunteers who have come to Spain? It is just a desire to see the poor tragic, distressed country, just to see what is going on. Had these people remained at home they might have made a worth-while contribution to the age in which we live.

Curiosity commenced with Eve and the apple. There is something hereditary after all.

"SCHOOL'S OUT"

For several million Canadian children this is an important time of the year. School's out — or soon will be — everywhere, and the long Summer vacation is beginning.

Much criticism has been levelled lately at our school system. It is charged with not fitting the children to find jobs when they are through school. Without stopping to debate the question whether or not that is the prime purpose of any school except a farm or trade school, let us look at another side of the picture. What do our children definitely get out of their schools besides book learning?

It seems pretty clear that they get a social outlook on life as a whole which the unfortunate children of the rich, educated by private tutors or in "select" private schools never get. In the give-and-take of association with children of their own age, of all social and economic strata, it is a stupid youngster indeed who does not learn that human nature is the same whether one's father is a banker or a bootblack. In the public school every child finds his or her own level, regardless of pedigree. And that is probably the most valuable education the children of a democracy can have.

NEWTONBROOK

Miss Dorothy Johnson is spending a couple of weeks with friends at Gull Lake, Haliburton.

Miss Mary Kirby of Thornhill visited with Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Halbert last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Murchison attended the wedding of the former's brother, Mr. Hunter Murchison, at Islington last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jack and family and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Wiltshire and family attended the Jacks-Wheeler wedding in Toronto last Saturday.

Mr. Fred Danby has been indisposed for the past few days. We hope he will soon be around again.

The Woman's Association of the United Church is holding its annual picnic to Centre Island this (Wednesday) afternoon.

A Communion and Reception Service will be held in Newtonbrook United Church next Sunday at 11 a.m. A Dominion Day Service to celebrate Canada's 70th birthday will also be held when the pastor will speak on "Our National Ideal."

Last Sunday was Review in the United Church Sunday School which took the form of a Bible Study Test on the previous Quarters' Lessons. The results will be given next Sunday.

Mr. A. W. Galbraith and Rev. A. H. Halbert attended the Sunday School Convention at Woodbridge last Wednesday.

Rev. J. R. Bick preached an inspiring sermon last Sunday evening in the United Church. Rev. Halbert preached at an anniversary service at Whitevale for Mr. Bick last Sunday evening.

The death of Mr. George H. Denby occurred at the Western Hospital last week after an illness of about six weeks. The funeral service was held at his late residence at Milliken, Markham Township last Monday with Rev. A. H. Halbert officiating. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, one son Clark and a daughter Mrs. (Viola) Brumwell. Mrs. J. L. Caines at Newtonbrook is a sister. To the sorrowing friends we extend heartfelt sympathy. Interment took place in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Toronto.

The wedding was solemnized last Saturday afternoon in St. Clements Church, North Toronto, of Alicia Mary Wheeler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wheeler of Willowdale, to Andrew Jack, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jack, Newtonbrook. Rev. C. P. Muirhead officiated and the wedding music was played by Mr. Crawford, the church organist. The bride given in marriage by her father wore a long white georgette gown with Peter Pan collar, buttons down the front and fullness concentrated at the back. The long sleeves were puffed at the shoulders and her white hat had a georgette crown. She carried a bouquet of white Marguerites. Attending the bride were her sister, Miss Dorothy Wheeler and Miss Dora Anderson of Port Hope. They were gowned in turquoise georgette with sashes of carmelian chiffon with small hats to match their dresses and streamers matching their sashes. They carried bouquets of Pynethrum. Mr. Robert Jack, brother of the groom, was best man and the ushers were Mr. Gilbert Jack and Mr. Thos. Jack, also brothers. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Domleo, Ellerslie Ave., Willowdale. Later the young couple left on a wedding trip to the Eastern States. On their return they will reside at Willowdale.

Master Bruce Summers of Arvida, Quebec, arrived last week to spend his summer holidays with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Summers.

The North York Horticultural Society held a very successful Rose and Peony Show last Saturday afternoon and evening which was largely attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Brier arrived here from Medicine Hat, Alberta, last Saturday. They are visiting the latter's sister, Mrs. J. L. Caines.

MELANCHOLY REMINDER

(Almonte Gazette)
 Death of Jean Harlow, the famous moving picture actress, at the early age of 26; is a melancholy reminder of the uncertainty of human life. Here was a young woman, apparently endowed with all the qualifications for enjoying many years of happiness, cut off in the morning of her career. As Thackeray put it in "Vanity Fair," the wealthy regret approaching death more than the very poor people, because they have more to live for, in a material sense, and more of this world's goods to leave behind them.

If you can't afford a vacation, you can get the same general effect by smoking too much and sleeping on lumps.

If insects can't think, how do all the bugs in a square mile figure out where the picnic is?

THE HOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN A NATION-WIDE CO-OPERATIVE EFFORT

The Home Improvement Plan of the Dominion Government is based on solid fact and sound finance reduced to their simplest and most workable terms. Recommended by the National Employment Commission, it faces a condition—unemployment—and meets it constructively, with a practical program that will gather momentum from itself. It contains nothing nebulous nor visionary. It is not a panacea nor is it an artificial relief measure.

Purpose

The double purpose of the plan is improvement to Canadian homes and employment for Canadian workers. Every community has in it thousands of homes on which little or no maintenance and improvement expenditures have been made in the past six years. The National Employment Commission has set itself the task of mobilizing across Canada a vast co-operative effort of home owners, workers, building contractors, building supplies firms, business and service organizations, and of public spirited citizens generally to restore and improve the homes of Canada and to draw the unemployed into remunerative and constructive employment.

How the Plan Works

There are thousands of home owners whose homes need repairs and improvements and who have the savings to finance them. But, for those who have incomes but inadequate savings, the plan provides machinery whereby they can finance home improvements and additions, both interior and exterior, on most favourable terms. The terms are outlined on ensuing pages. The plan enables the property owner to improve his property and increase its value without financial strain. He can go to his bank with every assurance of a sympathetic and helpful hearing. The bank will arrange for him a very cheap instalment plan. There is no red tape—the case is stated; assuming the applicant can satisfy the very fair and reasonable requirements, the loan is made. Deeds are then cleared for the work to go forward at once.

Work is Created

Every home improvement started PUTS MEN TO WORK—not only on the job itself but in manufacturing plants and dealers' stores throughout the country. Retail stores and the plants that supply them will directly benefit. Transportation companies will have more freight to haul. The farm, the mine and the forest will all react to the stimulated demand for the raw materials they supply.

The appeal of the plan is manifold. It appeals both to self-interest and to the community spirit. It appeals as a commonsense method of getting things done. It appeals as an economically sound stimulant to industry. It appeals as an immediate way of taking men off relief rolls and putting them on pay-rolls.

A Background of Success

Wherever this plan has been tried, it has met with notable success. Homes have been brightened and made more livable, the unemployed have been put to legitimate work and the community has found itself lifted out of depression to a saner atmosphere of activity and contentment. In the City of Philadelphia, for instance, where \$21,000,000 were spent, over \$14,000,000 went to labour.

The National Employment Commission places this plan before the people of Canada. It confidently calls for their co-operation in a determined effort to improve homes throughout the Dominion and to provide work for those who are in urgent need of employment. The interest of every Canadian citizen, as well as the national interest, dictates support of the Home Improvement Plan.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE ESTATE OF HENRY WILLIAM HARPER, Deceased.


All persons having claims against the Estate of Henry William Harper, late of the Township of Markham, in the County of York, Farmer, Deceased, who died on or about the 6th day of March, 1937 are hereby notified to send in to the undersigned on or before the 22nd day of July, 1937 full particulars of their claims.

Immediately after the said last mentioned date the assets of the said estate will be distributed amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to claims of which the undersigned shall then have notice.

DATED at Toronto this 11th day of June, A.D. 1937.

CHARLES HARPER and WILLIAM HARPER, Executors.

By their Solicitors, MESSRS. DUNCAN & GILDAY, 85 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario.



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