

## Views of Others on Timely Topics

### CONCERNING MEN AND DOGS

"The more I see of men the more I think of my dog," wrote a popular humorist many years ago. He did not mean it as a joke.

Human being are queer creatures. They are so ready to think evil of others—even of their friends—that one is tempted to believe the old theological doctrine of total depravity quite sound. Why otherwise is it so much easier to think ill of a man than to believe in his integrity, particularly if he has had the misfortune to have slipped once?

Another of our faults is jumping at conclusions. It is closely akin to the first. We put two and three together and we make six. Not long ago an unfortunate tragedy occurred in this town and immediately waves of public indignation swept

across the community, and a certain official head was demanded. Investigation, however, proved the facts to be altogether different from what they had first seemed, and the storm died down. Not, however, without having caused needless anxiety to the official concerned.

It is easy to go off at half cock. Public men often do it, so perhaps it is not to be wondered that we ordinary folks follow suit. We never seem to learn that circumstances prove nothing, that a man may be absolutely innocent of wrong doing even though the evidence at first available may seem damning. We forget that under British justice a man is always presumed innocent until he is proved guilty. In law he is entitled to the benefit of every doubt. In private conversation, however, we so often forget about justice, and we all too often cynically bring in a verdict of "guilty" before we have heard the testimony. We forget the injunction of the Master: "Judge not that ye be not judged."

How sure can we be that tomorrow may not find us in a like spot? Circumstances may trap us and we shall be pleading for the charity we have denied to others. We shall be asking that judgment be withheld until the facts are known, and wishing that we could count on as much loyalty from our friends as we can from our dog.

One New Year's resolution that most of us could profitably make would be to put the Golden Rule into practice. The late Elbert Hubbard offered a brief, revised version which read: "Do unto others as though you were the others." It means the same thing. Try it out in 1940.—Winnipeg Free Press.

### TURN OF A DECADE

Thirty goes into forty once in a century. The turn of the year is the turn of a decade. There is something epochal about a decade. The character of a year is usually soon forgotten. But decades impress themselves more firmly on our memories. One finds labels for them without much effort: the Gay Nineties, the Mauve Decade, the sedate hundreds, the trying 'teens, the twinkling twenties, the throbbing thirties.

In retrospect we recognize that the years are what we have made them, having that character which our behavior imparted to them. The experience that millions call sheer misfortune while it is upon them they afterward write off to their own ignorance, or greed, or negligence: remember 1929? So men make resolutions at New Year's time.

Doubtless it is the intense attention paid to the marking of time that produces this all too human inclination to reserve good resolutions for the beginning of a year; which often results in marking time the rest of the year. A child informed by its parent that it had just become five years old gave back this birthday greeting: "I don't feel five." The assumption that in some way our feelings or our attitudes will be altered by the mere passing of a year, or a decade, is at once a source of futile hope and foolish fear. Achievements, not years, are the milestones along the road of progress, and its constant travellers know that no turn of a decade or a century need mean a bend in that road.—Christian Science Monitor.

### MONO TOWNSHIP

The entire Mono council for 1940 was elected by acclamation. Reeve Harold Marshall retired and is succeeded by Sam Patterson who has been deputy-reeve during the past two years. Arthur Avison is the new deputy-reeve and Albert Clowes, Alvin Campbell and Franklin Little are the councillors.

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## King City District News

The annual meeting of the shareholders of King City cemetery company will be held in King Masonic Hall on Saturday, January 20, 1940, at 2 p.m.

Miss Case of Newtonbrook was the guest of Mrs. W. Carson last week.

Township School Boards is a subject of discussion in educational administration. The annual meeting of Temperanceville School took up the matter, and King Township council heard Inspector C. A. Lapp explain this larger unit of administration as it embraces the union of five sections under one board. This type of management has long been selected for discussion but not until now has it been locally dwelt on. Ratepayers generally will be interested to know the details.

The recent death of Miss Fanny Lynn, 75 years of age, daughter of Joseph and Annie Lynn of ninth line, King, removes an esteemed member of a pioneer family. Interment was made in family plot at Presbyterian Cemetery, 9th line.

Temperatures travelled to dizzy depths on Sunday morning after Friday's snow blanket had decided to settle down for a definite purpose. One would have thought all the amalgamated world soaps had been used to whiten the snow, it was so pure and light. Kettleby on its north side boasts of 34 degrees below zero, Schomberg 28 below, King 26 degrees, Nobleton 18, and Temperanceville 18, these of course being approximate lows. Church services throughout the township were not as well attended as usual according to the clergy but that was not to be wondered at, but none the less discouraging for the ministers.

Roads are fairly good as yet and township mail routes are being well looked after this year with plows plying on most of the routes.

Winter comes fairly hard on small school children but they do not do much worrying about themselves.

Mr. Norman MacMurchy is serving on jury at Toronto.

Mrs. MacMurchy spent last week with her daughter Mrs. Ross Lymburner of Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rolling, Mr. Wm. Egan, Mrs. Geo. H. Stone and Mrs. D. M. Ross attended the funeral of Mrs. Wellington Hill of Toronto on Saturday. The Hill families from Nobleton were present also.

Mrs. Mildred Davison and her sister Miss Laura Kitchen of Toronto called on Mrs. Andrew McClure on Sunday.

We are glad to report favorable progress of Mrs. A. Gillham at Toronto Western Hospital. A broken hip necessitates close confinement for the present.

Drinking water is almost at a premium in many parts of the locality and cistern water is very scarce also. Kaake Bros. of Nobleton are busy hauling water to farmers and villagers of West King, even as far as Woodbridge.

Seventeen tables played euchre at Laskay Institute Hall on Friday evening. Prizes went to Miss Jean Paton, Miss Deborah Davidson and Mrs. W. Ham; Messrs. Jack Clubine, Isaac Boys and Edmund Harris.

Because of the observance of the Week of Prayer King Institute will be postponed until Tuesday, January 16th at the home of Mrs. D. M. Ross.

King United Farmers Club has also been postponed until January 16th at home of Nelson Thompson. Oak Ridges Red Cross will meet on January 11th at Mrs. B. Langley's, Whitechurch.

The campaign for Red Cross funds in West King is still in progress and meeting with good results. Work material is not available to any extent, as yet.

The ministers of Schomberg, Rev. F. V. Abbott, Rev. W. J. Cranston and Rev. Jno. McEwan are co-operating with the congregations in observance of the week of prayer for three nights. The services will be held in United, Presbyterian and Anglican churches, respectively.

After the first week of attendance at Schomberg Short Course, about ninety students are thrilled with the studies.

Ninety-five King Township pupils attended Aurora High School last term for 12,395 days. The Township council passed a resolution at the inaugural meeting held at Schomberg on Monday, January 8th asking the County to appoint a representative of King Township to the Aurora High School Board.

Inspector Lapp at the above meeting was in favour of the council offering a prize to the school making the greatest improvement in school grounds for the term.

The death of Mrs. Wellington Hill of Toronto came as a great shock to her family after a very brief ill-

ness, from Thursday evening until Friday morning at ten o'clock. Mrs. Hill was formerly Harriet Cooper of Schomberg, sister of Miss Lottie Cooper and Mrs. Anna Ward of Schomberg. Mrs. Hill was raised at Nobleton. The family lived at Kinghorn, later at King and since 1903 have lived in Toronto. All are of the firms of Canadian Pad & Paper Company Ltd. and Eaton Crane & Pike Co. Ltd.

Surviving are four sons and two daughters and four grandchildren. The funeral service took place at the McGill funeral parlours on Saturday, January 6th, with interment in Park Lawn Cemetery. Rev. Dr. Bingham of Walmer Road Baptist Church was in charge. Dr. Bingham explained his long association with the family since his boyhood days as son of the parsonage at Schomberg. His first Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Hill's father, Mr. Cooper, who left a fine and lasting impression on the boys' mind. Dr. Bingham's remarks were very comforting and sound.

The parlours were a profusion of beautiful floral tributes, mute testimony to the long friendships and deep esteem for the deceased.

Mrs. Hill was ever a favourite in whatever company she moved. Her devotion and wise counsel to her family brought happiness and success to them all. To people in all walks of life she stood with an open mind and an open hand, a hospitality rarely exceeded.

Six nephews from the Hill families of Nobleton were the pallbearers, Messrs. George, Percy, Arthur, Henry, Ross and Walter.

Eversley Y.P.S. will be held at James Ball's on Monday, January 15th.

The Mission Band was held at Miss Alice Ferguson's with the president, Ross Bovair, in the chair. Thirteen answered the roll call with a verse of scripture. Miss Alice Ferguson gave a talk on Mission Band suggestions, and the leader, Miss Annie Ferguson, told a story on prayer. Ross Bovair gave a reading and Norman Wade read the scripture lesson. Refreshments were served after the meeting. On Jan. 26th the Eversley Juniors will meet at the school at 4 p.m. Eversley W.M.S. will meet at Mrs. Gellatly's on January 17th. Wedding bells are about to ring at Laskay in the near future. At Eversley W.A. meeting held at Mrs. A. Jones last week, Mrs. Chas. Neill declined her appointment as W.A. president in favor of Mrs. J. E. Wells. Plans were made for a January open crokinole social.

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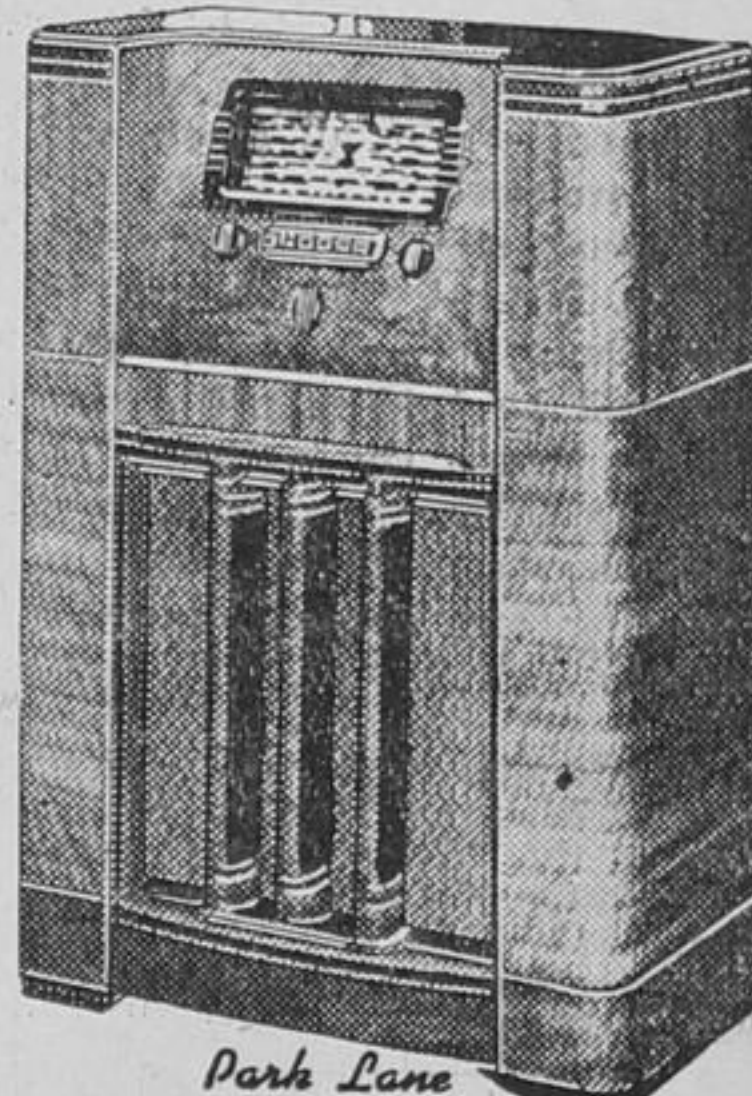
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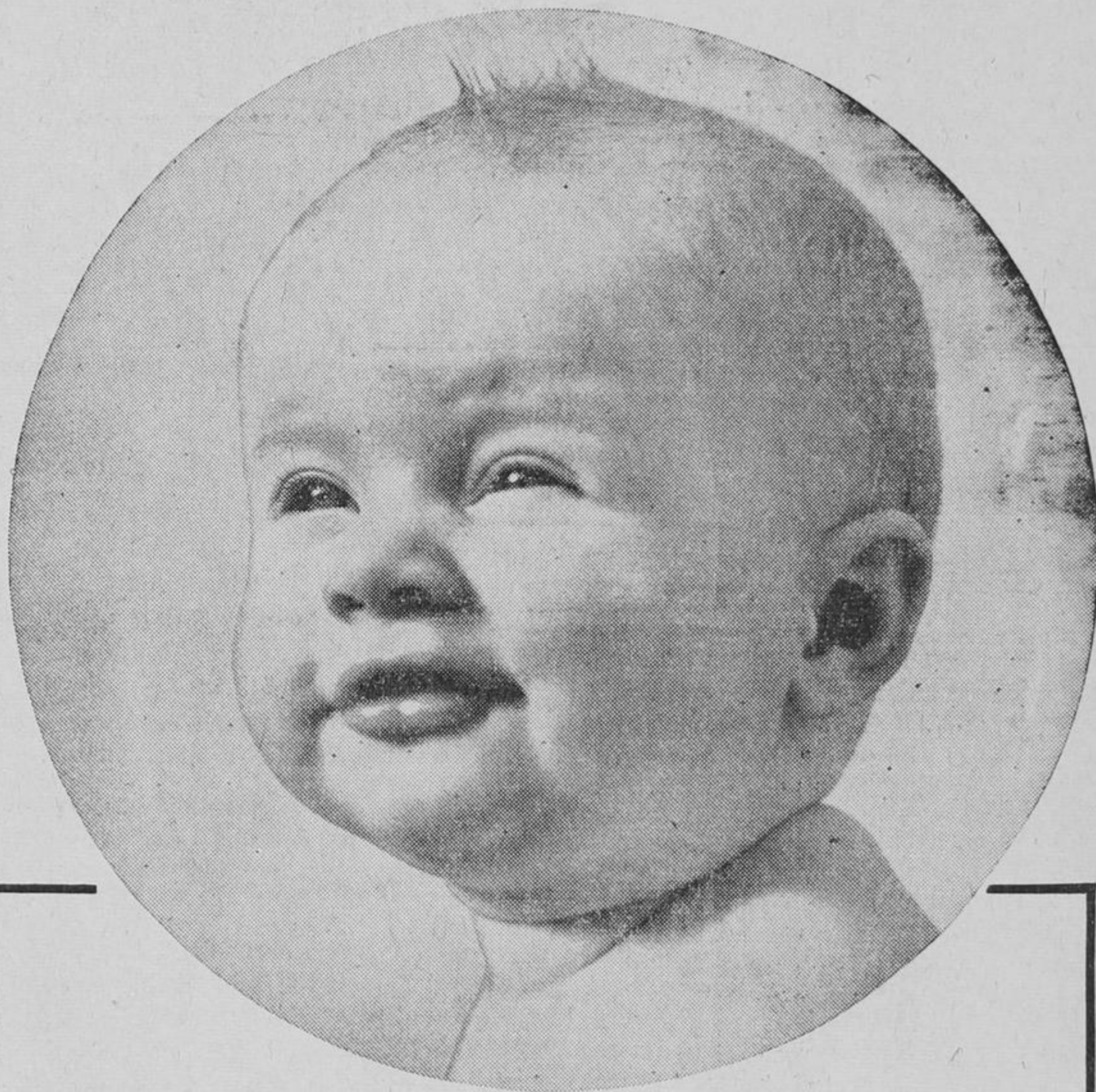
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