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Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Perkins and family of Richmond Hill had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. F.

Miss Ruth Gooding and Miss Dorothy Oliver of Gormley had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. G. Mortson, Wayne and Bruce.

Young People! Remember the picnic on Saturday, June 26th. We are planning to leave at 1 p.m. for Keswick. Meet at the corner and transportation will be provided.

Mr. E. Britnell of Toronto and Mr. E. Gooderham of Lansing had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Perkins, Mrs. J. Lunau, Miss M. Forsythe and Coral. Mr. and Mrs. Boddy of Oshawa

visited with Rev. and Mrs. E. A Currey and Loretta on Sunday. The Sunday Services were well attended. The guest speakers being Rev. Dixon Burns of Toronto and Rev. Frank Wellington of Toronto. The Markham Choir provided the music in the afternoon and Miss Edna German of Markham was the guest soloist in hte evening. The newly decorated Church looked lovely and the arrangement of spring flowers added to the beauty.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Caseley Ann and Wilma of Unionville had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. S. Boynton and family

Sunday. Miss Connie Rumney, nurse-intraining at the General Hospital is

holidaying at her home. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Caseley, Lvnda and John, Ann and Wilma, had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. D. Gee and family.

Remember the "Strawberry Fest tival" planned for Tuesday evening, June 29th. Mr. and Mrs. R. Boynton and Mr.

and Mrs. B. Sanderson and Mabel had dinner Monday at Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson's and family. Mr. and Mrs. Norman Marlow, Peggy and Bill, had tea Sunday ev ening with Mr. and Mrs. V. West-

Miss Phyllis Westbrook spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. Westbrook.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Stickley, Har-vey, Mina, Edna and Eldon, had tea Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Mortson and family. Mr. and Mrs. Angus Valliere had

tea with Mr. and Mrs. B. Sanderson and Mabel on Sunday. Mrs. Watson and her mother, Mrs. Moynihan, had tea Sunday evening

with Mr. and Mrs. B. Sanderson and Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Buchanan and family visited with Mrs. Whittaker, Downsview on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Weldrick, Vaughan Rd., had dinner Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. H. Foster and family.

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ACRES OF DIAMONDS

In every community it is fortunate there are boosters, those good people always ready and willing to support a worthwhile cause and pull their full weight in every community project. There also are those who would rather "talk down" projects, find fault with those who try to do things and in general the things that can be accomplished right at home.

A recent digest of the famous lecture "Acres of Diamonds" by Russell H. Conwell pointed out that this lecture which in all was given more than six thousand times and heard by more than eight million people had a humble beginning as a talk given at a soldiers' re-union. As a result of that lecture much inspiration was given to millions and moreover more than ten thousand boys received a college education through Conwell's amazing efforts.

Russell Conwell himself tasted bitter poverty in his early years - poverty he never forgot - but by hard work and thrift he managed to send himself to college later becoming an officer in the Union Army. During a violent battle his aide gave his life to save Russell's sword. Conwell vowed then he would work sixteen hours a day thereafter - eight for himself and eight for his aide, Johnnie. He never broke that vow.

Acres of Diamonds made him famous but the more famous he became the humbler he grew and the harder he

worked to help his fellowmen.

The lecture which made him so famous was simply the telling of several stories to emphasize basic truths which always have and always will apply to our successes and failures. He referred to the Persian farmer who was contented because he was wealthy and was wealthy because he was contented. But on hearing of diamonds in a river that runs through white sands between high mountains he became discontented and sold his farm, to seek greater wealth in diamonds. After many failures, he had suffered such defeat that he could not resist the temptation to throw himself into the sea. His own farm later produced many millions of diamonds. Then there was the man who sold his farm to learn the oil business only to find out later that the purchaser had discovered oil on the farm worth a thousand million dollars to the state. And so on, stories of men seeking afar for that which they had at their

Having in mind the several undertakings of this and other communities throughout the district, we repeat the concluding paragraphs of the famous lecture:

"But let me hasten to one greater thought. Show me the great men and women who live in your city." A gentleman over there will get up and say: "We don't have any great men in our city. They don't live here. They live away off in Rome, Paris, London, or any place but here."

I have come now to the apex of my thought, to the heart of the whole matter and to the centre of my struggle. There is only one answer, and that is because people talk down their own city. If we are to have a boulevard, talk it down; if we are going to have better schools, talk them down; if you wish to have wise legislation, talk it down, talk all the proposed improvements down.

I say it is time you turn around and begin to talk up the things that are in your city, and begin to set them before the world as the people of other great cities do.

To be great at all, one must be great here, now, in your city. He who can give to this city better streets and better sidewalks, better schools and more colleges, more happiness and more civilization, more of God, he will be great everywhere.

Let every man or woman here, if you never hear me again, remember this: if you wish to be great at all, you must begin where you are and what you are in your city to-day."

COMMUNITY SPIRIT

"What makes Community Spirit?" asks the Kemptville Advance. This is an important question because undoubtedly many of the great worthwhile achievements have resulted from a sense of local pride and community spirit.

Many a Canadian town got off to a good start in pioneer days, because of the influence of a few such citizens. Men who, because their own home life was sound, knew how to care for their neighbours and their town. They were able to judge between right and wrong and were therefore clear-sighted and impartial in the adminstration of public

In their own lives, such men put God first - building a church by the sweat of their bodies and out of the produce of their own soil. Then they built good schools and good roads. They were leaders because they cared more for the welfare of their community than they did for their own comfort or profit. As the years went by, they pressed to have the village incorporated; they advocated a public library, they supported the local newspaper and they organized a County Fair.

Today we inherited these advantages. Are we living on what we have received, or can we care for our community like our forefathers building for the future?

Real community spirit is created by teamwork among citizens who love their neighbours and their town; who give inspired leadership because they themselves are Godled and therefore have the courage to fight for what is

BOY SCOUTS ASK MONEY FOR CAMP

The York Central Boy Scouts Association are commencing a drive to raise \$7,500, to equip a permanent Boy Scout Camp. A very desirable camp site north of Orangeville has been donated. It consists of twelve acres of land admirably suited for boy scout work, sufficiently well wooded to give the boys the training they love, and a stream on which a swimming pool will be constructed.

The money now being asked for will be used to erect permanent buildings and buy equipment, in fact to make the site suitable for all year camping.

There is a great need to-day for agencies to give leadership in youth training and guidance. The aim is to develop boys to young manhood in a clean, virile manner, to keep them gainfully occupied and off the street corners. No one is better able to do this important job in every

community than the Boy Scouts. Under the care of Scout Masters who have in turn been Cubs and Scouts, boys are helped to develop in a manner that brings joy, happiness and self-reliance to themselves and pleasurable carefree thoughts to their parents. Boy Scout work is making a real worthwhile contribution to good Canadian citizenship, and well merits our support.

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