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The story of the cow jumping over the moon was exaggerated. The moon was just coming up at the time.



THE VALUE OF STRUGGLE

Several years ago, an Englishman who had lived for many years on the island of Samoa, where Robert Louis Stevenson made his home, told me that the climate was so pleasant and the soil so fertile that the natives were enervated and became listless. He had a lot of respect for the natives but the sterner virtues, such as reliability and initiative were lacking. The Samoan language had no words, such as grit, handicap, courage, and difficulty. Life came easy and they had no need for these words.

On the other hand it is well-known that in severe climates, such as Scandinavia and Finland, the rugged life makes characters sturdy and enterprising. So struggle has its place in the development of worth-while men and women.

I once wrote a story for boys which illustrates this truth: Several years ago a squadron of the British Navy lay at anchor in a fine natural harbour on the east coast of Scotland. The ships were being refuelled before proceeding elsewhere. Unexpectedly a storm arose and its fury was such that the naval ships chafed and fretted at their moorings, chains were snapped and in a few hours a great deal of damage was done. The hurricane came from the east and for a short time it looked as if the vessels would be dashed against the rocks. "There is only one thing to do," said the commander, "we must put out to sea and face the storm." So the ships faced the hurricane and found safety by doing what at first seemed a foolhardy thing.

We often hear people talk about a sheltered life, a life where one is shielded and protected from unpleasant experiences. Actually there is no such thing. If one does try to avoid danger and difficulty, disaster is sure to follow. In Pilgrim's Progress, John Bunyan tells of Mr. Timidty who was always trying to avoid taking any kind of risks. He spent his life waiting until he was absolutely safe and sure

"Dear Mr. Editor"

Re: Christmas Mail Deliveries

Dear Mr. Editor: May I, through you, extend to the people of Canada the very warm thanks of myself and other members of the Post Office staffs from coast to coast for the exceptional co-operation extended in the mailing of their Christmas cards and gifts. Reports now being received from postmasters in all parts of the country indicate clearly that more than ever before, the public showed its anxiety to assist the service by mailing early, with the result that the Postal staffs were able to effect most Christmas deliveries in good time for the holiday.

The reports also indicate that the proportion of correctly addressed and well-packaged mail was higher than ever before although, as in the past, delays and difficulties were experienced as a result of failure on the part of some mailers to observe good mailing practices. Much of the credit for the success achieved in our handling of the Christmas mails must, of course, go to the newspapers, who in many cases took great pains to remind the public of the advantages to be gained in observing the various mailing dates and in correctly addressing and packaging their mail. Needless to say, this assistance has been much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
W. J. Turnbull,
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CBC Neighbourly News Marks 50th Anniversary

The fifteenth anniversary of CBC Neighbourly News broadcasts, one of the most popular features of Canadian radio, will be marked by a special national broadcast on Sunday, January 30, on stations of the Trans-Canada network.

While the 15th anniversary applies specifically to the Ontario broadcast of Neighbourly News, the special program will be heard nationally and will include the voices of Neighbourly News commentators across Canada — Les Way, British Columbia; C. F. Greene, Prairies; Don Fairbairn, Ontario and Quebec; Jack Bryley, Maritimes; and Gerard Brady, who does a French-language version of Neighbourly News in Quebec. CBC hopes to have W. B. Sawdon of the Sackville Tribune-Post, president of the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association as a guest on the show.

During the 15 years of its existence, the Ontario Neighbourly News commentators have scanned more than 150,000 copies of the English-language weeklies of Ontario and Quebec, and have read on the air more than 30,000 items totalling some million-and-a-half words. Since the program began, greet-

ings have been extended to some 40,000 people in Ontario and Quebec entering the ranks of the "Over-Ninety Birthday Club". CBC personnel have travelled more than 5,000 miles during the 15 years to produce the regular Sunday morning broadcast from 25 communities, as a special salute marking "Old Home Week" or some other local celebration. The fact that city-dwellers like the program as much as those who live in the smaller centres is proven by surveys — Neighbourly News in Ontario has a larger audience than any other program on the air at its time of broadcast.

CBC's Reid Forsee will produce the special anniversary program, and Don Fairbairn will act as host. Forsee has been with Neighbourly News since it began, starting out as its announcer and later becoming its producer, a post he still holds. Fairbairn took over as commentator seven years ago, after the death of the well-loved Andy Clarke who through his association with the program was dubbed "the mayor of the little places".

The anniversary program will be heard across Canada at 6.30 p.m. EST.

Saunders Memorial Fund

Initial response to the Robert Hood Saunders Memorial Fund, from all parts of the Province, has been described by the official committee as "extremely gratifying". Established to receive contributions towards a permanent Memorial to the late Hydro Chairman who died following an air tragedy on January 16, the Fund has already aroused widespread interest and many citizens have come forward to pledge their support.

It has been proposed that the Memorial be erected on a traffic island on Toronto's University Avenue opposite Ontario Hydro's head office building. Plans call for the design and development of a rose garden and fountain in a beautified area with the underlying theme to be light and water.

The committee administering the Fund is comprised of citizens and businessmen — most of them close personal friends and associates of Mr. Saunders. Their suggestion has received the kind consent of Mrs. Saunders, and members of the Committee are devoting a great deal of time and energy to this worthy objective. It has been announced that all contributions will be directed entirely to the Memorial. Expenses incidental to the Fund-raising campaign will be borne by private citizens anxious to assist in any way possible. Contributions in excess of

the amount needed for the erection of the Memorial will be turned over to charitable organizations. Following the committee's first formal meeting on January 19, it was announced that the first donation of \$2.00 was received from a female elevator operator in a downtown Toronto office building. Interest in the Memorial Fund is extending to all walks of business and civic life, and committee officials are optimistic that it will be possible to erect an impressive and enduring tribute to a man who contributed so selflessly in the interests of his native city and Province.

Indicative of the co-operation being received, the committee has announced that the Honourable J. J. McCann, Federal Minister of Revenue, has declared that contributions to the Fund will be tax-free because the Memorial is, in effect, a gift to the Metropolitan area. To expedite plans for the Memorial, an architect's sketch is now being prepared and will be available within a few days. Frederick G. Gardiner, Chairman of the Toronto Metropolitan Council, and His Worship Mayor Nathan Phillips of Toronto have already agreed to the proposed Memorial plans and have promised to expedite arrangements from property standpoint. The committee has tentatively arranged for a public dedication service on May 30 of this year — Mr. Saunders' birthday.

Bows And Arrows

Possibility of permitting deer hunting with bow and arrow in some parts of Southern Ontario is under consideration by the Department of Lands and Forests. The Department for some time has been studying the situation with regard to bow and arrow hunting across the border in such states as New Jersey and Michigan. Hunting by archers is not prohibited in Ontario but they have no special privileges.

The Ontario Field Archers Association has long advocated some special consideration such as the setting aside of a large area for exclusive use by archers, as well as a special season. Agreement by farmers however, would play an important part in any decision.

Dr. C. H. D. Clarke, of the Fish and Wildlife Division, says that one deer is killed about every other day on the highways of heavily populated Southern Ontario.

Such accidents involve damage to cars and injury to drivers and passengers. Farmers in Southern Ontario have opposed gun hunting but are thought to be more favourable to bow and arrow as a safer means of reducing the number of deer and the damage they cause. The question probably will come before the Legislative Assembly's Fish and Game Committee in March.

Bow and arrow hunting is permitted in regular deer hunting areas.

Toronto Doctors Awarded Cancer Fellowship

The Canadian Cancer Society has announced the award of McEachern Fellowships of \$3,650 each to two Toronto doctors, Dr. M. L. Bunker and Dr. Lawrence Swales.

Dr. Bunker and Dr. Swales have been resident obstetricians and gynaecologists at the Toronto Western Hospital and St. Michael's Hospital respectively.

The fellowships will be used for the study of the diagnosis and treatment of cancer as practiced at leading centres in Europe, Great Britain and the United States. Drs. Bunker and Swales have been specializing in their field since graduation five years ago. Their new studies will take them to

such famed centres as Stockholm, Amsterdam, London, Newcastle and Manchester where they will stay eight months. The remainder of their fellowship year will be spent in New York, Boston and other American centres.

The McEachern Fellowships of the Cancer Society were set up in memory of the late Dr. John McEachern of Calgary, founder of the Society and are for the purpose of enabling young physicians and surgeons to complete training in their specialty with special emphasis on the clinical aspects of cancer. To date over 30 awards have been made for this purpose.

It is anticipated that Dr. Bunker and Dr. Swales will return to take up positions at Toronto teaching hospitals.

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"Way Back When"

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January 29, 1942
Russell Lynett has been selected from 13 applicants for the position of clerk-treasurer of the Village of Richmond Hill. Mr. Lynett will succeed A. J. Hume, who retires after 37 years as clerk.

The Lions Club is seeking more donations for the mammoth auction sale to be held in aid of the British Child War Victims' Fund.

Fair Board officers for 1942 are president F. S. Tyndall, past president Harry Charles, 1st vice-president R. L. Stiver, 2nd vice-president D. G. McAlister, secretary-treasurer F. R. Perkins.

Mr. E. H. Smith, 50 years a director of the Woodbridge Fair Board, has been elected president.

JANUARY 27, 1927
Mrs. W. E. Groves addressed a joint meeting of the Richmond Hill Home and School Association and the Women's Institute on Tuesday night.

The Fair Board held its annual meeting on Saturday and elected the following officers: President W. H. Legge, 1st vice-president F. A. Clark, 2nd vice-president Thos. Reade, directors, Jas. McLean, G. H. Dunlop, H. A. Nicholls, Thos. Trench, J. Lunau, J. S. McNair, Frank Graham, George Dibb, J. E. Francis, R. Thompson, R. Agar, Col. Deacon, Rev. E. Burnaby, F. A. Legge, J. Cherry, W. McKnight.

Whitechurch Township Council for inaugural ceremonies in 1927 is as follows: Reeve Morgan Baker, Deputy Herman Kidd, Councillors Win Crawford, Ross E. Ratcliff, G. Wesley Williams.

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