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## Volunteer Firemen

Many were surprised by last week's news item reporting a shortage of volunteer firemen in Richmond Hill. Surely the very necessary job of fighting fires hasn't lost its glamour. What has become of all the boys who told enquiring aunts and uncles that when they grew up they wanted to be "a fireman"?

Richmond Hill Fire Brigade has a long and honourable history, dating back to days before the village was incorporated as a municipality. A search through old records reveals several photos of the boys of the old brigade. The bucket brigade gave way to the hand-drawn hose reel, the old engine pumps, the horse drawn fire wagons and then the modern motor powered fire-fighting equipment. We can find no record of horse drawn fire wagons, as Richmond Hill seemed to jump from the hand-drawn, to the motor truck.

Turning back through the pages of history it is notable that last week's report to council by the Mayor is a first, in that nowhere can we find previous record that the local fire-fighting force was short of help. Old copies of "The Liberal" are evidence that through the years membership in the Fire Brigade has been a coveted honour. Members were carefully selected from waiting lists of considerable proportions. Pros-

pective members were scrutinized by a brigade committee and the village council. Only in comparatively recent years is there mention of any remuneration for those who at the sound of the fire alarm, whether in day or night, dashed off to fight the threatening flames.

Chat with any old fireman and he will keep you for hours with tall and exciting tales of racing through the night to save flaming homes and many other thrilling experiences. One of the big thrills of his life was that he had been a fireman, and you gather the impression that he wouldn't have missed it for anything. Now the Mayor tells us there is a shortage of volunteers for the local brigade. Frankly, we're worried. No so much at the prospect of the tax burden of a fully paid fire brigade, but by the fact that the clang and clatter of the fire bell and fire engine is losing its glamour and appeal for our young folks. We wonder what kind of a world we may have when at least half the boys don't want to grow up to be firemen.

Fire-fighting is mighty important business in every community, and through the years Richmond Hill firemen have rendered outstanding and unselfish public service. We hope that as long as necessary there will be no shortage of volunteers.

## Hallowe'en Safety

Hallowe'en . . . a time for spooks and goblins, fun and excitement for the youngsters.

Not a time, surely, for tragedy and grief. Yet a few careful measures must be taken to ensure that everyone enjoys the fun . . . parents and young spooks!

There are two important areas to watch for: first, the streets and highways. Drivers beware of the unexpected on this night. We can't expect children to take as much care as they normally do, so it's up to us to be especially alert.

Then, at home there are some simple ways of avoiding Hallowe'en mishaps.

1. Light your porch, and avoid the danger of visiting children tumbling in the dark.

2. Clear obstacles from your back yard . . . this will discourage practical jokers, and prevent falls.

3. If you have a dog, keep it secured.

4. Make sure if your children go out that they wear light colored clothing, so they can be seen by motorists. Touches of fluorescent tape on a costume are excellent protection.

5. Masks make it hard for the small toddler to see where he's going. Encourage children to make their own interesting faces with make-up.

## CGIT Doings

The meeting was opened with the CGIT Purpose, hymn and the Lord's Prayer. After the business was discussed, we went into our groups.

(Group activities: Mrs. Patton's group discussed the up-coming Hallowe'en party, and then started their Bible study based on Romans.

Mrs. Sanderson's group have been learning to tie their ties.

Mrs. Williams' group is starting to make "Tic-Tac-Toe" pillows. The meeting was closed with Taps.

## PAUL DELMER

# Your Vital Statistics



SOME AMAZING INFORMATION finds its way onto the desk of an editorial writer. I'm sure you must be interested in your vital statistics which have found their way onto my desk recently. Every 24 hours your heart beats 100,000 times and pumps 5,000 gallons of blood through the system. It uses enough energy in that time to draw a train along a one-mile stretch of track at 60 m.p.h. The pressure set up is equivalent to that needed by a mechanical excavator in shovelling 20 tons of snow from the ground into a tipper truck!

In one year you speak 11,800,000 words. Enough electricity is generated to keep an electric motor running twelve hours a day for a week, and none of this power is harnessed!

Your eyelids have fantastic power. In a year they lift themselves 94,600 times with a total "lift pressure" of 50 lb.

The average woman walks 800 miles a year! Mothers top the scales at around 1,200. If you weigh 140 lb. you contain enough fat to make seven cakes of soap, water to fill a 10 gallon barrel, phosphorus to make 2,500 matches, magnesium for a dose of salts, iron to make one medium sized nail, lime to whitewash a chicken coop, and carbon to manufacture 6,000 pencils.

And a good-sized pencil will scribble some 40,000 words, or a line roughly 30 miles long . . . SO YOUR BODY GOES A LONG WAY!

According to Professor Fishbein, an average woman eats in her lifetime the equivalent of 6,000 loaves of bread, 6 calves, 300 chickens, 85 geese, 100 pigeons, 2,000 large fish, 3,000 sardines, 500 lb. of lobster, 9,000 lb. of potatoes, 12,000 lb. of other vegetables, 14,000 lb. of fruit, 1,000 lb. of salt, 5,000 eggs, 800 lb. sugar, 2,000 lb. of cheese. She washes this gargantuan feast down with 10,000 quarts of water, and 12,000 quarts of tea or coffee. If you like milk, you drink about 6,000 quarts!

How little can you eat to stay alive? Dr. Ronald Smith of Onada County, New York, existed on two slices of brown toast and honey each day.

The blood works out at 1/13th to 1/20th of the entire body weight. One pint of blood weighs 1 lb. The red blood cells are 1/300th part of an inch in diameter. Placed end to end 12,000 are said to make one square inch!

Your brain consists of 9 thousand million nerve cells, each having its own fibre. There are 2 million sweat glands in your body.

Your lungs contains "sacs" or bags from which the blood vessels are fed with oxygen. There are 4 million of these bags. The lungs weigh 2 lbs., and pump oxygen into your cells at the rate of 1,000 times every 24 hours.

Coughing badly? Get it off your chest, and relieve the bronchial tubes of extra-overtime! They contain 300 million cells . . . each 1/100th part of an inch in diameter.

The retina of the eye has half a million cells and each is equipped with a sensitive nerve. There are 10,000 cells in your ears. So highly geared are they, you can "tune in" to 5,000 vibrations per second. And your tongue is sensitive, too. The cells taste a two-millionth part of a strong herbal tonic when dissolved in water to the proportion of one in 100.

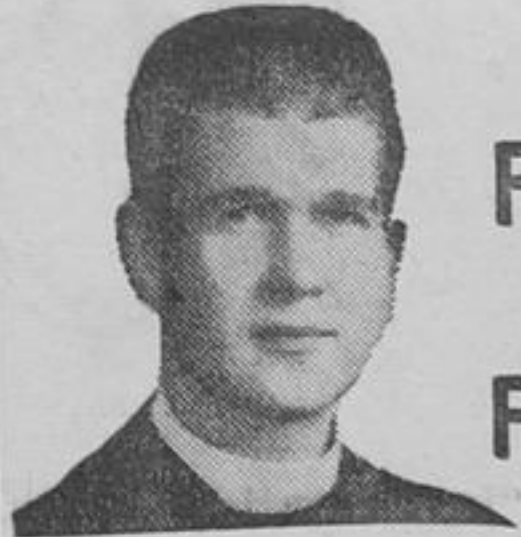
You think you are healthy? Your body is full of microbes! One pint of milk left uncovered for 12 hours produces 10 million microbes! And you drink an awful lot of exposed milk. The TB bacilla is 1/200th part of an inch long, and 1,000 of them can go onto a pin head. One microbe in three days produces 280,000 million offspring.

Your kidneys act as filters. In 24 hours they secrete three pints of urine. If they don't, see your health advisor quickly — there's a blockage in your waterworks!

Having a baby? He will be 1/100th part of an inch long at first. And when he grows up, your son will become a student of pognology. It's nothing to do with medicine but means "ye gentle arte of shaving"! A youth's chin hairs grow at the rate of three twenty-fifths of an inch per week or six inches a year. In 70 years a man grows a beard equivalent to 30 feet long, or over five times his own height. So your husband could look like Santa Claus!

Is that enough of your vital statistics to be going on with? \*\*\*\*\*

ON THE LOCAL FRONT this week, we have the opening today of the new Self Service Woolworth's Store on Yonge St. First 700 shoppers to enter the store receive a packet of coffee free of charge. And on Richmond Heights Plaza, we have another three dollar days, today, tomorrow and Saturday. There is a co-operative draw with a fine prize in merchandise; free parcels of groceries in another competition, various draws with prizes organized by some of the stores individually; music, including an organ recital to be held in Kaye's Casual Toggery with dollar savings in all the stores displaying the dollar day banner. Make a point of shopping in these stores to obtain maximum benefits. Several of the stores are giving free apples, free lollipops, free candies, etc., to children accompanying parents on a visit to the stores — so make it a family excursion. And there is a beauty contest for Miss Richmond Heights, and a Children's Contest. Judging also takes place in the drawing contest organized by Judy's Children's Wear and the prize will be awarded the winning child. Shop locally and watch your town grow, and its community facilities improve.



## Facts and Faith

(By Rev. Calvin Chambers)

### Archaeology and The Bible

Have you ever doubted the reliability of the Bible? I think most people have today. The Bible is a very ancient book and for this reason has often been rejected as an authority for modern living.

But, the study of archaeology has helped to restore confidence in the Scriptures as an authoritative account of what happened in those days of long ago. Wendell Holmes once said, "Age, like distance, lends a double charm." When the Bible, which is a very aged book, is examined in the light of archaeological discoveries, it takes on a glamour which is certain to excite all of us.

It is true of course, that the Bible is not a scientific text book on religion. It is a book which witnesses to the fact of God, and the revelation which He has made of Himself to Israel and through Jesus Christ. Even though it is not written from a scientific point of view, it is good to know that sciences such as archaeology, help to authenticate the biblical account of things.

What service does archaeology render the Bible?

There are several things which should be noted. First: It illustrates and explains certain sections of the Bible. This is the most important contribution it makes. The study of ancient cities has opened up the Bible in a new and exciting way. Archaeology sheds light on so many subjects, no matter where you turn in the Bible. You may have wondered about the people who lived before the flood, (called antediluvians), or the great Tower built in Babylon which brought about the separation of the nations. Archaeology has done a great deal to uncover information about these situations. You may have puzzled over the building of the Tabernacle in the wilderness, the erecting of the Temple under Solomon. Archaeology helps to explain some difficult questions. What about the missionary tours of Paul or the visions of John on the Isle of Patmos. Again, archaeology has given us valuable information about the journeys and the conditions on Patmos. In other words, this great subject of archaeology has explained many things which have often bothered sincere people in their reading of Scripture.

Archaeology also helps to supplement the Bible. There are many things in the Bible which are not fully explained. Gaps appear quite often. This is due to the fact that the Bible is not meant to be a detailed account about certain historical happenings. Its sole purpose is to present the action of God as He worked in and through the people He had chosen to fulfill His purpose. But when we turn to archaeology we see that it fills in many of the gaps, and thus aids us to gain a fuller picture of things that happened. For example, the destruction of the sanctuary of Shiloh is only inferred by the prophet Jeremiah, but archaeology has uncovered the ruins of the shrine and thus proves that it was actually destroyed. Such Kings as Omri, Ahab, Jehu, Josiah, Hezekiah and others, are much better known in the historical records kept by the Assyrian emperors. Thus comparing the Assyrian documents with the account in the Bible, we are given a better picture of these men who ruled Israel.

Thus we have in archaeology a science which might easily be called, "the hand maid of the Lord." Up to now the Bible has been fully substantiated by archaeological discoveries. We have every reason to believe that as the future progresses many things, which are at present vague in the Bible, or even challenged as untrue, will be proven by the work done by our archaeologists.

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