

Notes To You

Those of our readers who have trouble in keeping their, and other people's, pets out of the flower beds, may take whatever satisfaction is to be found in the experience of our neighbour on Toke Street Extension. This gentleman, whom we shall call "X", but who has been called other things, has been troubled by a large mongrel who sought to become unduly familiar with his rose bushes. This annoyed Mr. "X" considerably. Mr. "X" tried reasoning with the dog, but the dog seemed to be as

much interested in the rose bushes as was Mr. "X" — though in a different way, of course. When kindly admonitions failed, Mr. "X" tried speaking quite sharply to the animal, who in turn spoke quite sharply to Mr. "X", with the result that negotiations had to be broken off altogether. Finally, after a barrage that included sticks, stones and three milk bottles Mr. "X" reached for his shot gun and let go with both barrels. When the smoke had cleared, Mr. "X" was able to announce to such neighbours as dared to stick their heads out of their doorways, that his troubles with dogs and rose bushes were at an end. He is not sure where the dog went, but his rosebush is scattered all over what passes for a boulevard on Toke Street.

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"Super Road To Come North" runs the headline for last Saturday. Unfortunately, before we started out on the proposed celebration for the opening up of the north country, we read the stuff under the headline, and learned that, so far as the predictable future was concerned, the proposed super highway, when built, will come north as far as Barrie, a town some sixty-odd miles out of Toronto. Which goes to prove that writing headlines can be fun if one is not handicapped by too great a regard for the real meaning of a news story. Another good headline, and it's good for six days of the week, would be "Toronto Population Ploeks To North." -- this would accurately describe the movement of Toronto's office workers, as they near the five o'clock whistle and swarm aboard the north-bound

Yonge St. street cars. A good headline for Monday -- and we don't know how we missed it -- would be: "Timmins Mayor Vacates office." This could add interest to the story that Mayor J. E. Brunette had left for the conference at Fort William. "Groceries Block Food Distribution," would make an attractive headline for the regular Wednesday afternoon closing. "Three Hundred Firemen Called Out," would give a little zip to a story of the forthcoming firemen's convention here. But why go on? It's fiendish ideas like this that keep us out of "Who's Who," or "Whose Who Are You, And Who Cares?"

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Other good folk, die young, is disclosed in a news story appearing elsewhere this week. "Roy Ward-Dickson's radio show 'The Money Makers,'" to be presented at the McIntyre Community Building September 14," the story reads. Those who wish to witness the interesting operation of "preventing" a radio show -- jolly good idea in some cases, what? -- would be better advised to slither along to the McIntyre on Sept. 14 and see it "presented." The writer of the story is now in a position to sympathize with the trombone player who failed to understand why the notes he so sweetly blew into his instrument "came out so sour."

jfw

To fill up the remaining five inches of space in this column, we wish to draw attention to a situation which is rapidly getting our goat. It concerns the post office doors. You see, there are two sets of double doors, and as a rule all of them swing open and shut quite nicely. The ones on the left swing. The ones on the right swing. So when people are coming in the right-hand doors and you are waiting to go out, we want you to use the left-hand doors. Don't just stand there, waiting for people to stop coming in. Give a hefty shove on the left-hand doors and get out of our way. Of course, there is the odd day when one of the doors remains locked in position. Let us ignore those days -- we all have them. This, we would stress, is one of those situations in which the whole community should pull together.

But not on the same door. Those who like their tragedy served up in small doses can make what they wish out of our prediction that "Wilbur" will not go through with his marriage plans. We have it on good authority that his wife stepped off the Northland at 10.30 this morning. Landlord (to prospective ex-service tenant): "You know we keep it very quiet and orderly here. Do you have any children?" "No." "Do you have a piano, radio or victrola?" "No." "Do you play any musical instruments?" "No." "Do you have a dog, cat or parrot?" "No, but my fountain pen scratches a bit."



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