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**Notes and Comments**

It is the duty of parents at this time to warn their children also to instruct them about the manner in which they should treat the new public toilets recently opened in the Municipal Hall. It would be too bad if any boys were so thoughtless as to defile the premises in any way, and while they should be severely dealt with, the thought that should be handed out to the youngsters is that they should be the guardians of the place, and see to it that no outsiders or others abuse the premises. If the boys can be made to regard themselves as the protectors of the place, they surely will be the last to destroy it, and the first to run down any scoundrel who would attempt to.

There has been some concern amongst York County farmers who have read in the press of the damage done to the crops by the microscopic eel-like worms known as nematodes. The farm press has reported these in some of the other counties and for the past year. Agricultural Representative W.M. Cockburn has been keeping a look-out for this in York County. We understand that there are a number of places which have come to his attention and he strongly urges farmers to refrain from growing oats or mixed grain next year where oats or mixed grain were grown in 1938.

A reader pauses to tell The Tribune that we were a little "rough" on the old hotel at Vivian when the paper suggested last week that where once damnation was offered the public, now salvation is being handed out. We did not use exactly these words, but that certainly was the meaning which might be taken. However, we added to the last week's article "that in the opinion of some, salvation had displaced damnation," fearing a comeback just as we had to meet. Well, to be honest, while the hotels in their days rendered a splendid service to the travelling public, some of their wares were certainly the damnation of many men and no one will deny that. The same stuff is being sold today and we suppose always will be sold, and always will be the damnation of those who develop a serious appetite for it.

**Public-Spirited Action Wanted**

The success of the new school band largely depends on the ability of the Committee who have the situation in charge to raise around \$350 to pay for the more expensive instruments. Everything else is available, a capable leader, and plenty of willing boys, also parents, who are willing to stake \$65 in an instrument for their child. What is wanted is just a few public spirited citizens to come forward with an offer to purchase those instruments and so enable the town to boast a boys' band. The benefactors would reap reward in having done something for the youth of his town that cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. After all it is the benefit the band will be to the youth, rather than the benefit the band will be to the community which is the big thing. If any one citizen, or group of citizens come forward with the necessary money we respectfully suggest that one of the first public concerts put on by the new organization be a serenade to the homes of those benefactors who did so much to advance the organization of the School Band of Stouffville.

**Wet or Dry?**

The editor of the Whitby-Gazette & Chronicle has the following interesting observation to make on the liquor laws in this province, which will meet with the approval of many people.

If anything were needed to show that the liquor laws of this province need, some revision, the current row over the closing hours of beverage rooms in this district would supply it. First they close at eleven and then we hear they are to close at twelve in one municipality while another refuses to follow suit.

In the meantime, the system of local option is proving the biggest faux pas since the Eighteenth Amendment. It is a queer situation when it is legal to drink beer in a licensed establishment in one town and find another where the beverage room is outlawed by the vote of the citizens and bootlegging promptly assumes such proportions, when it seems that the municipality would be better off to license the beer parlour as a choice of two evils.

The whole liquor question is above politics. There are dry Conservatives and wet Liberals, and vice versa, and as long as an element of party creeps into the matter, there will never be a satisfactory settlement. The obvious answer as advocated by numerous organizations, is a referendum covering the entire province. It should be decided once and for all whether the majority of our citizens desire a wet or dry Ontario.

If true temperance is to hold sway, then the only way out would be the abolition of the beverage room, and reversal to the former system of government control. If, however, the vote shows a wet majority something will be done in the way of revising the present laws.

It is a queer state of affairs indeed when an individual can legally drink in a beer parlour, while an individual who is caught in the possession of a drop of liquor in any place other than his home, is fined and possibly sent to jail even though he may be perfectly sober and in no way creating a disturbance or menace to anyone.

This is no justification for the bootlegger, but it is an acknowledged fact that many perfectly respectable citizens going away for a trip or driving to a friend's house, carry liquor in fear and trembling, even though they may have utterly no intention of creating a disturbance or drinking at the wrong time and place.

It seems to be a pretty unsatisfactory system, with the most efficient police officers rendered almost powerless to enforce the laws the way they should be enforced. We need either rigid prohibition, enforced with the utmost vigour of the law, or else the laws governing sale and consumption of liquor should be loosened with the proviso that anybody who is found creating the slightest nuisance while the influence shall be immediately arrested by the authorities. The last system is in effect in England—a country which is considered one of the most law-abiding in the world.

**25 Extra Prizes**

D. F. Holden and Sons were most generous with prizes at the big Dominion Day draw. After the winning ticket for the car was announced Mr. Holden generously gave prizes for 25 extra draws which were won as follows:

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In the afternoon Uxbridge Girls won the softball in their class, and Claremont took the boys prize.

**THOSE TRANSIENT FRIENDS**

Dear Mr. Editor:— Being filled with indignation at the abundant crop of tramps this summer has brought forth, shaven and unshorn, clean and dirty, ragged and well-dressed, I would like to pass on a few of my ideas for meditation on the part of the Council and my harassed neighbors.

The average person, in my opinion, wants to help the needy; but if he finds he is only abetting the shiftless, his temper is apt to rise and he decides he might better not have given. She who gives a tramp a good meal is usually sent (as if by magic) a long procession of tramps to whom she can give more good meals and how can she tell who is deserving? It is ever a source of amazement to see a gentleman of the road walk along a street disregarding all houses, until he comes to a certain place where he turns abruptly and confidently walks up to a door. We understand that through marks on houses, tramp conventions, etc. these carefree itinerants are kept informed through a very business-like system of spreading the good news where one can have his needs supplied. On several occasions I have heard one tramp or another tell which towns are good—what board and lodging they supply, whether you can collect from the Bank Managers or not, and other details incidental to earning a living by such means.

There has been a scandalous waste of food given them lately, we are told, by men "up the tracks". It is time we set about finding out who needs food and why. There is no use wasting food or money on strangers who do not need it, while many of our permanent residents could do with a little assistance and be grateful for it. One of the "Weary Willies" came to the door of an older citizen very recently and asked for something to eat. The older man prepared some bread and butter. "Willie" asked what it was. "I don't want your bread and butter", he exclaimed, "I'll go where I can get a meal." Another citizen of Stouffville had one of these callers, asking for breakfast. She informed him they had eaten breakfast but she would make him sandwiches. "I want bacon and eggs", he said. "Bacon and eggs", the amazed lady cried, why we don't have bacon and eggs for breakfast ourselves." How sad the travellers taste for food wasn't matched by a similar taste for work to earn it!

The time taken by these doorbell ringers is startling. Calculate how much time is wasted in Stouffville in answering the rings of one man alone in a day, bringing people from all parts of the house and generally interfering with the business of the moment. Then figure how much is handed out to him in food, clothing and money. It seems to me it is high time our charity is centralized. I suggest

the Council appoint a social service committee of perhaps two members,—say the Reeve (or other Council member) and the Town Constable. That one man, if he called at a house with such a Committee in operation, should then be told, "Go to Mr. Weldon or Mr. Quibell, they'll help you if you are deserving." One person only would need to deal with him and decide if he needed help, and that would mean a great saving in time through town, as well as in money.

Money is passed out now to those who already have some, to those who want to buy smokes and drinks with it as well. We could do as the Forest Hill Chief of Police, Mr. Fraser, did a few years ago. I was visiting at the home of a councillor there, when a man came asking for money. As Chief Fraser happened to be calling there, he went to see if the tramp was needy. He searched him and found a considerable sum of money. "I'll just give you so long to get out of Forest Hill," the Chief said, "and if you're found within the limits after that my men will arrest you."

One important part of this Committee's work would be to see that some public work was always available—such as mowing grass, cutting weeds, working up wood, improving the park grounds, etc. There is nothing a shiftless man fears so much as the horrible possibility of coming face to face with work. If a man came wanting help, he would have to work to get it if physically able. One knight of the road while in town this spring was offered work. He said he couldn't do heavy work, he had no bone in his shoulder. Maybe he hadn't, but Constable Quibell could find out if he were on the Committee. He and Mr. Weldon would soon know the histories of some of these annual visitors, who I would imagine might not find Stouffville congenial any longer. At present scattered householders cannot keep track of all the transients. If such a system were adopted, the tramps would soon mark Stouffville as an unlucky place.

Some of these gentlemen openly admit they are tramps because they can get a better living that way than by working. They give you the impression the rest of the world is crazy to work. If you ask if they are not ashamed to leave work to other people they say, "Us fellows have no self-respect." And yet they have, even if unknown to themselves. The quickest way to restore it, in my opinion, is to shut off the gifts to the shiftless, which enables them to live on others and laugh at their benefactors. Then we would give only to the needy through an organized investigating Committee. Let the man who wants to eat and have decent clothes to wear, work to earn them, like the rest of us. Then we'll no longer be duped—and he'll feel better for the work.

Sincerely,  
A Tribune Reader

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July 14-15-16

**"Tovarich"**

CLAUDETTE COLBERT  
CHARLES BOYER

**CLAREMONT MAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE**

Assisting to draw in hay on the premises of Tom Sanders at Claremont, Wesley Lehman fell from a load and was seriously injured last weekend. Mr. Lehman was driving in an extra large load when he fell from the top and struck the whiffletrees, landing heavily on the ground. The wagon wheel dragged his head in some manner, but it is believed did not fracture his skull. He escaped with a badly cut scalp which took two doctors to attend to. It was said that had the wheel struck a few inches lower, the consequences have been fatal. As it is Mr. Lehman is making good progress and will recover all right.

**DISEASED POTATOES IMPORTED FROM VIRGINIA**

There recently arrived in Toronto, a shipment of forty-five cars of new potatoes from Virginia, many of which under inspection, showed bacterial soft rot ranging from 25 p.c. to 65 p.c. when examined in Toronto. Distribution of much of this stock had been made in practically every city and town in Ontario before the seriousness of development of rot was known. According to plant pathologists and bacteriologists at the O.A.C., Guelph, and the U.S. gardeners, tomato growers and potato growers are advised to prevent any of these diseased potatoes or peelings from them, thrown carelessly around barns or yards or into composts which may be used for spreading on the land as fertilizer, as infection may be spread to the soil and become active in future crops.

The co-operation of vegetable distributors is solicited in assisting in the destruction by burning, or boiling or burying deeply as many of these infected potatoes as possible.

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**BURNED COTTAGES BEING REPLACED**

The three cottages which were burned on the Windsor Dr., Lake Musselman, two months ago, are now being rebuilt. Two of the cottages owned by Mr. Beacon are being built by himself, while the H. G. Warren cottage is under contract to Robt. Windsor who is rushing things along in a lively manner. There are now 350 cottages in the Musselman Lake area, quite an important village.

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