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**Notes and Comments**

This is the final issue of the year for The Tribune, and we go forward into the new year with the largest circulation the paper ever enjoyed. For this we heartily thank our subscribers, and we intend to do our best to merit this increased support. Our rural correspondents have given us wonderful support, and are entitled to a share of the credit our subscription lists enjoy. As time goes on the advertisers are coming to find out the wide circulation this paper has, and are more and more patronizing its columns. Stouffville is gaining in popularity as a good town in which to shop. A live newspaper and live co-operation by the merchants will send us still higher up the ladder—all of us, so lets all pull together for the good of the whole.

The Christian Science Monitor: "Mussolini's wife is said to be almost violent in her hatred for war. Her sons have been militarized over her outraged protest; the youngest boy, 11, is drilling and looking forward to a career in the army. It is as a mother, rather than the wife of a war boss, that she protests. She is speaking the language of motherhood. The tragic futility of bringing sons into the world to be seized by somebody bent upon conquest and slaughter in coveted lands is almost too much for spirit, flesh and blood to bear. Women have never fought much in wars, but they know more about war than men do. It is hardly possible to hope that the woman power of the world can now be mobilized against war, but that is a condition which must come to pass before there is assurance of peace."

**Party Organs Still—But**

The Newmarket Era in the following editorial states a partial truth when it says the daily papers are still party organs. They may be, but not the old-time party organs they once were. Who ever dreamed a few short years ago of reading such onslaughts as The Star, for instance, has been making on Mr. Hepburn. And who ever dreamed of The Telegram coming out and soaking The Star in proper style for the "nasty" things said about Mr. Hepburn. They may be party organs, but the Toronto dailies must be given credit for the spirit of independence shown today over that of only a brief few years ago. The Era comments in part: "Toronto newspapers have been trying to put Liberal M.P.'s and M.L.A.'s on the spot by asking them whether they support Mr. King or Mr. Hepburn. Our own provincial member, Mr. Morgan Baker, has answered that he supports both. It is a wise answer that turneth away wrath. Difficulties may increase if Mr. King appeals to the country next year and Mr. Hepburn actively campaigns against him. It would then be necessary for Liberals to swing with Mr. Hepburn or with Mr. King. For ourselves, we never could see any advantage in linking federal and provincial parties. Under present conventions, the man who is a Conservative in British Columbia, is able to give a number of excellent reasons why a Conservative government would be better for this province. He moves to Ontario but he faces no problem in deciding which party he prefers in Ontario. He is automatically opposed to the Liberal government in Ontario and after he has lived here a while, and has read a Conservative newspaper for a while (daily newspapers are still party organs), he is able to give some very good reasons to support his belief that a Conservative government would be better."

A vote of the congregation of one of the churches in Barrie has been taken to obtain the feeling of the members as discontinuing the Sunday evening services. The expression revealed 91 per cent of the people attending the church in favor of holding the Sunday evening service the year round and nine per cent favored withdrawing it during the midsummer months. It would be interesting to know how many of the members voted. If the expression represented the regular Sunday congregation the probability is that many voted who attend service in the morning and pass up the evening session. Unless Collier street church in the county town is an exception to the general rule the attendance at its morning service is greater than that which is present at the average evening service. It is something of a pleasant surprise to find such a high percentage of the congregation wanting the evening service continued as the lack of attendance of most people would seem to indicate that they are either unconcerned or would favor withdrawing it. A big change has come over the average churchgoer in the last twenty five years. Quarter of a century ago the evening of Sunday before Christmas would see most of the churches in this town filled to capacity. In at least one of the churches in town the music of Sunday night was specially prepared for the Christmas occasion and was much enjoyed by the congregation present. In years gone by the announcement that such music would be given would have filled the church. The reason is the facility for listening to classical music furnished by the radio. Many people sit in comfort of their homes and hear the best the continent has to offer. Clergymen and church officials are straining for some thing of greater interest that may be presented in the churches but so far nothing has been devised.

**The New Leader**

The Ontario Conservative party has regained much strength by choosing Col. George A. Drew as the new leader by an overwhelming majority on the first ballot and by general agreement to sink the differences that kept party stalwarts from pulling together.

Col. Drew possesses many fine qualities that stand him in good stead in the responsible post he now holds. He is a soldier and a fighter of no mean ability. He has a good command of English and a fine delivery.

**Cats and Other Dumb Animals**

Stouffville, Ontario, Dec. 20, 1938

Editor Tribune, Stouffville, Ontario. Dear Editor:

When one has had a home of his own, and then finds himself no longer in that position, things don't go so good; and particularly is this so with regards to dumb animals.

If he feeds cats food that don't belong to him the owners complain: they think they have a perfect right to, evidently they have, it isn't nobody's food but their own.

If he feeds them what belongs to him, they complain, they—the cats were being kept at the house when they wanted them to stay at the barn. But in the winter, there was little or nothing for cats at the barn, and they wouldn't stay there.

And if one gets permission from the lady of the house to destroy some of them so there will be more feed for what is left, he gets in trouble for overstepping his duty as a servant. For indeed, of course the husband is Lord of the house, and it is he who should have been appealed to.

We used to hear the expression used in Alberta, "I don't like cat." I've heard the same here, "I don't like cat." But why do they keep a cat if they don't like cat? They don't have to, the remedy is simple—what, drop them on the road and let them find a home of their own? As some one has said, no, surely not, we would not suggest that; most likely the only home that that cat can find has already too many cats, so besides causing the cat probably to suffer and die a painful death they are proving themselves a nuisance to someone else. Once when in a barn I enquired as to why so many cats were kept. I was told they had intended dropping some of them on the road, but hadn't got to it yet. A very cruel practice indeed.

But there is a better way: a much more human way, though I don't suppose many farmers know of it. I didn't until recently. I wanted to destroy a female cat that had a litter of kittens under the barn where I couldn't get at them to drown them, and they were then too big to drown. I wanted to poison the mother so the same thing would not happen again. Not knowing of any harmless way, I asked a Stouffville druggist what to do, for I had thought the Humane societies were the only places where dumb animals could be put to a painless death. Then for the first time I found some one to advise me and tell me what was best to do. I got enough dope to kill a dozen cats painlessly and in about 30 seconds, all for a few cents.

But this inhuman practice doesn't end with cats. I would it did, I have seen lots of it in Alberta, but thought to see something better when coming to Ontario nearly ten years ago. Alas one doesn't see much improvement, at least not with some animals, and people here who will go to extremes to give their children every care, thinks any kind of treatment is good enough for a cat, a pig, a dog.

And a humane society in Toronto wants me to send them the names of any definite cases I know of where there is cruelty or neglect. I haven't done so yet, not wanting to get in bad with people.

But I can see that their is literature distributed at the schools in the district, and appeal to the teachers to teach the children to be kind to dumb animals and prevent as far as possible, so much callous indifference to their suffering. Sincerely, Arthur Carruthers.

**Westview Nursing Home**  
Stouffville  
Obstetrical and Convalescent cases taken.  
Reasonable Terms  
Visiting Hours  
3.30 to 4.30 o'clock  
7.00 to 8.00 o'clock  
Marjorie Stewart, Reg. N.  
Phone 272

**What to Do**  
by Phyllis Belmont



I RECEIVED a gift from a friend that I never expected and naturally did not send one to her. Would it be in good taste for me to send an after-Christmas gift to her or should I simply acknowledge the gift with a note of thanks?

**FUZZLED.**  
Answer—It is decidedly not good form to send an after-Christmas gift. It is far better to acknowledge the gift with a warm note of thanks. It should be assumed that a person sending you a gift does so because of sincere desire to remember you at Christmas and without any thought of receiving one in return. It is both awkward and entirely without dignity to acknowledge a gift with a gift, but a thoughtful person never fails to write a cheery note of thanks for each and every gift received. In fact, many write these letters in a spare hour on Christmas Day itself, but in any event within a few days.

**HO! FOR AUSTRALIA**

Mr. Hepburn is to take a holiday in reference to what he is to look into The Financial Post, that well informed financial paper says:

"Ontario's Premier Hepburn thinks Australia is the best-governed country in the world. He is going there to see how green the far-away pastures really are.

Three things apparently interest him.

1. The debt conversion scheme 1929.
2. The Commonwealth Bank and its relation to public finance.
3. Australia's social legislation.

As to social legislation, Mr. Hepburn is quoted as believing the Australian statutes to be the most advanced and effective of their kind in the world. He is probably confusing Australia with New Zealand.

Australia has no national unemployment insurance scheme. Health and contributory pension legislation (based directly on the British system) is only now being introduced. The new measures which become effective January 1, are merely an application to Australian conditions of long-established British practice. It is rather fantastic to think that much can be learned at first hand about a system that is not yet on the statutes.

In New Zealand he will find that the "New Deal" in that country has already led to a complete Government control of imports, exports and the foreign exchange markets, reminiscent of Germany's hermetically-sealed economic frontiers."

The German papers do not need to run comic strips. Their editorials these days are funny enough for anyone.

**The Yule Season**

Affords the finest time of all the year for me to express myself to the many fine patrons and others whom we serve throughout the year—May the New Year bring you much joy and happiness in 1939.

**Rae's Garage**

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**Dancing School**

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Women's Hosiery  
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Mitts - Socks - Gloves

**STANLEY**

THEATRE  
Phone Stouffville 100

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
December 29, 30, 31

**"COCOANUT GROVE"**

Fred MacMurray Ben Blue  
Harriet Hilliard  
Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves  
a Colored Popeye

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,  
January 2, 3, 4  
Two Shows Monday Nite

**"KENTUCKY MOONSHINE"**

Ritz Brothers Tony Martin  
Slim Summerville, M. Weaver  
Short Subject  
Pluto's Quintuplets

Thursday, Friday, Saturday  
January 5, 6, 7

**"ADVENTURES IN THE SAHARA"**

and  
"OVERLAND EXPRESS"  
Buck Jones



We take this opportunity to wish our friends a very Happy Holiday Season and to thank you for your patronage during the past year.

**East End Beauty Shop**  
Phone 176

Here is an idea that comes from Detroit, Mich., and on the face of it, it looks sensible. If an electric light bulb burns out in Detroit, it is taken to the utilities office and replaced free of charge. The point is that bulbs may be purchased for very little money if taken in large quantities, and the more bulbs lighted up the more electricity will be used. We are not sure that such a plan would work out here but there is no harm in telling how it is done in Detroit.

**Abstract Statement**

Of The Township of Whitchurch For 1938

| Receipts |                          |             |
|----------|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1930     | Taxes and Penalties      | Nil         |
| 1931     | Taxes and Penalties      | 24 85       |
| 1932     | Taxes and Penalties      | 1 39        |
| 1933     | Taxes and Penalties      | 13 44       |
| 1934     | Taxes and Penalties      | 392 37      |
| 1935     | Taxes and Penalties      | 702 80      |
| 1936     | Taxes and Penalties      | 3326 30     |
| 1937     | Taxes and Penalties      | 4219 86     |
| 1938     | Taxes by Treasurer       | 280 39      |
| 1938     | Taxes by Collector       | 41,545 75   |
| 1937     | Taxes by Collector       | 5722 41     |
| 1938     | Loans                    | 29200 00    |
|          | Prov. Highway Subsidy    | 7,085 97    |
|          | Prov. Tax Rebate         | 2,473 15    |
|          | Fines                    | 148 39      |
|          | Licenses                 | 311 80      |
|          | Relief Grants            | 650 45      |
|          | Accom. & Equipment Grant | 399 82      |
|          | Dust Layer               | 31 27       |
|          | Miscellaneous            | 1,138 08    |
|          |                          | \$97,668 49 |

| Expenditures |                              |              |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
|              | Salaries and allowances      | 3,584 35     |
|              | Grants                       | 100 00       |
|              | Garbage Collection           | 318 00       |
|              | Charity                      | 685 59       |
|              | Auditing                     | 125 00       |
|              | Heat, Light and Care Bldgs   | 134 02       |
|              | Sheep Claims                 | 140 00       |
|              | Hospitalization              | 1,468 90     |
|              | Relief                       | 1,212 43     |
|              | Relief Administration        | 175 00       |
|              | Board of Health              | 274 75       |
|              | Insurance                    | 345 10       |
|              | Roads and bridges            | 13,652 16    |
|              | Miscellaneous                | 713 60       |
|              | Tax sale redemption          | 603 06       |
|              | Law enforcement              | 562 45       |
|              | Stationery and printing      | 649 41       |
|              | School purposes              | \$ 17,082 23 |
|              | Interest                     | 1,245 10     |
|              | Interest C.R.F. 1937         | 710 00       |
|              | Interest C.R.F. 1938         | 710 00       |
|              | Loans 1937                   | 26,000 00    |
|              | Loans, 1938                  | 4,500 00     |
|              | Accom. and Equipment & Grant | 399 82       |
|              | Credit Balance in Bank       | 22,277 52    |
|              |                              | \$ 97,668 49 |

| Assets |                                   |              |
|--------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
|        | Uncollected Taxes 1938            | \$ 14,723 30 |
|        | " " 1937                          | 9,013 43     |
|        | " " 1936                          | 6,591 17     |
|        | " " 1935                          | 3,323 42     |
|        | " " 1934                          | 1,441 53     |
|        | " " 1933                          | 364 19       |
|        | " " 1932                          | 302 34       |
|        | " " 1931                          | 49 70        |
|        | " " 1930                          | 101 00       |
|        | Probable amount road subsidy      | 7,321 08     |
|        | T. L. E. account                  | 3 23         |
|        | Petty Cash on Hand                | 50 00        |
|        | Cash on hand and in bank          | 1,005 98     |
|        | Credit balance in bank            | 22,277 52    |
|        | Dust Layer account                | 103 73       |
|        | Probable amount of relief subsidy | 282 60       |
|        |                                   | \$66,954 22  |

| Liabilities |                                       |              |
|-------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
|             | County Levy                           | \$ 21,024 94 |
|             | 40 per cent owing schools             | 6359 86      |
|             | S.S. No. 1 U.K. Deb. due, July 1st    | 429 50       |
|             | S.S. No. 11 Deb. due Sept. 1st        | 530 79       |
|             | Twp. Account due Clergy Reserve       | 5015 20      |
|             | 1938 Loan, due Bank Com., Stouffville | 24700 00     |
|             |                                       | \$ 57,760 29 |

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Receipts and Assets          | \$164,622 71 |
| Total Expenditures and Liabilities | 155,428 78   |
| Credit Balance                     | \$ 9,193 93  |