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Notes and Comments

An Idea

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 it is 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 in Stouffville, but there is no harm in telling how it is done in Detroit.

Who Would You Like to be if You Were Not Yourself ?

At the January session, the schools in Belleville, New Jersey, put this question to 682 boys: "Who would you like to be if you were not yourself?" 363 said Colonel Lindbergh, President Coolidge came second. Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, Herbert Hoover, Governor Smith, General Pershing, Gene Tunney, John D. Rockefeller and Babe Ruth all crowded for third place. Two boys stated they would like to be if they were not themselves, "My dad." No father could have received a higher compliment. Undoubtedly the father of the two boys who wrote "my dad" in answer to the question, through their acts and words early became heroes to their sons and never lost that proud relationship. All honor to them !

Scholarships

The late Harvey E. Mowbray of Granton, willed \$500 to the trustees of the Granton Public and Continuation School to establish a scholarship fund. The interest yearly will be paid to the student with the highest standing at the High School Entrance examinations. The scholarship will be known as the Harvey E. Mowbray Scholarship.

The late Mr. Mowbray lost an eye in an accident when a High School student at St. Marys Collegiate Institute, and shortly afterwards, he became a cripple and lost the use of his legs. His health also was not very good. Under similar circumstances, many a young man would have given up and become dependent on his relatives or upon the state. Harvey Mowbray was not this type of man. He persistently fitted himself for business. For years he conducted the Granton Telephone Exchange. Later, he launched into the poultry business and made a success of it. His baby chicks found a market in Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes. Mr. Mowbray spent much time in reading and he developed a well-furnished mind. Friends who dropped in for a chat found him a charming companion. He always took a close interest in events of the village and although unable to attend church, he always supported it financially.

Harvey Mowbray's life stands out as a great success while others with none of his great handicaps are failures.

Whither Religion in Germany

(Toronto Daily Star)

The Rev. Martin Niemoeller is reported to have spent Christmas in the concentration camp where he has been imprisoned by the Nazi government for some time. Dr. Niemoeller was arrested because of his outspoken defence of the Christian church in Germany. He was tried last March by Nazi officials and acquitted of practically all charges that were preferred against him. Still he has not yet been released. The doughty pastor's confinement is now due to his conflict with the heads of the Nazi police and ecclesiastical affairs regarding the conditions of his release. The Nazi officials insist that Dr. Niemoeller must promise never to preach again, not to return to his parish and to stay away from Berlin for six months, in order to avoid the publicity that would undoubtedly attend his release. Dr. Niemoeller refuses to comply, and so he remains in the concentration camp.

The struggle of the Christian churches in Germany has been continuous for the past five and a half years, since the Nazis took power. Seeking to control the church, the Nazis launched what they call the "German Christian Church," which preaches "German Christianity," free of the influences of Christ, with His emphasis on universal love, pity and justice. This attempt has not, however, met with the desired success. In fact, competent observers claim that the Nazi attack on the Christian churches has had the opposite effect.

The recent anti-Jewish programs have made a profound impression on the people, and are credited with having caused a setback to the anti-church movement. Evidence of this is found in the unexpectedly strong resistance shown by the majority of the teachers to the order which was recently issued that religious instruction in the schools was to cease, on the ground that "German people could no longer tolerate the glorification of a religion whose foundation was rooted in a Jewish criminal element." Less than two per cent of the teachers voted to obey these instructions. So deep was the feeling about this among teachers and parents that the matter was allowed to drop quietly by the Reich minister of education.

The methods used by the Nazis to "liquidate" the Jews, and the measures taken and threatened against the Catholics and Evangelical Protestants, have jolted also those people who had hitherto been uncritical. Christians of all denominations are reported to have been filled with forebodings when they witnessed the burning and destruction of Jewish temples, and the attempt to set fire to the Catholic cathedral in Munich. In these acts they saw examples of what may befall the Christian churches which persist in resisting the "Nazification" of religion.



The noted American author, Pearl Buck, is shown here as she received the Nobel prize in literature for 1938 from the hands of the King of Sweden in Stockholm.

FREEDOM OF PRESS AGAIN PROTECTED

The Valleyfield (Quebec) City Council recently passed a resolution which led to the ejection of the press representative of La Gazette de Valleyfield, the second paper owned by Adam L. Sellar of Huntingdon. Interpreting such a motion as an attack upon the "freedom of the press," Mr. Sellar and his editor, Mr. Saintonge, procured legal advice and took action against the council for \$5,000 damages. Legal advice was sought by the Council and they were advised that the press had their freedom at all Council meetings and that the much publicized motion was out of order. The Mayor and the two aldermen who moved and seconded the motion realizing their error expressed a desire to have this action settled out of court. This was finally agreed upon and after rescinding the previous hasty and uncalled for motion the case was withdrawn, the defendant agreeing to pay the legal costs and out of pocket expenses of the publishers amounting to approximately \$250.

Commenting editorial on the affair, The Huntingdon Gleaner concludes an article with this comment:

"The result of everything, however, no doubt clearly demonstrates that there is the possibility of aldermen getting so wrapped up with their own importance as aldermen of the city that they seem to come close to the attitude of a dictator, rather than realizing the truth of the whole matter, that they are public servants, that they have been elected by the people, to serve the people and that they are obliged to turn over to the people an account of what they are doing. There should be no need for any council to hold back anything from the press. If everything that is being done is square and above board no council should have any fear, whatever, in letting the press and consequently the public know what is being done.

"The press seeks to serve the public just as much as a council seeks to serve the public. Why, then, should any council become so dictatorial about things they really do not own, but which really belong to the public, as to virtually tell the people they can not have what is theirs.

"It is to be hoped that the citizens of Valleyfield will be better served by both the Council and the press henceforth and that an all-round better understanding will be the result of the whole affair."

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HELD PICKERING CLERKSHIP FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS

The veteran township clerk and treasurer of Pickering Township Mr. Donald Beaton who despite the fact that his age is floating midway between 75 and 80 years, is one of the most efficient officers in Ontario according to ratepayers and officials who have business to transact at the clerk's office. It is an interesting fact to note that Donald Beaton and his father the late Hector Beaton have held this position now between them for over a century. This is surely a record which stands out in Ontario history of municipal officers.

BREAD SHORTAGE IN ITALY

Waiters in hotels and restaurants in Italy have been ordered to watch closely and make sure no bread is wasted. Smaller rolls and slices of bread are being served, and no extra bread is put on the tables. Where a plate of rolls would be placed before a patron, now only a little bit of bread is allowed him. The use of bread is discouraged as much as possible. That is all due to the shortage of grain in Italy —With little more wheat than is absolutely necessary, Mussolini is taking steps to conserve the bread supply of the nation. Perhaps this shortage of bread reveals part of the cause for all the shouting about Tunis and Corsica. Mussolini knows that hungry people can sometimes be made to forget their empty stomachs. If he fills them full of martial glory, Il Duce may cause the people to think he is still leading the nation out of hunger and into plenty. But, if a nation in peace is short of bread, how can it hope to last last any length of time in a war?

If, as the Globe and Mail says, there are more than 1,300,000 motor cars and trucks in Canada Canadians have paid at least \$400,000,000 more than United States citizens for the same class of trucks and cars. It is a whale of a subsidy to give to one industry.

The coal merchants are beginning to wear a smile again as the mercury hovers around the zero mark. The weather has been so mild they had visions of not being able to afford a holiday trip next summer and were feeling rather glum until last week.

Village council next Monday.

LEHMAN'S SHOE Store

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Footwear for all the Family
Women's Hosiery
Boots - Shoes - Rubbers
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STANLEY

THEATRE
Phone Stouffville 100

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
January 5, 6, 7
Big Double Bill

"ADVENTURES IN THE SAHARA"

and
"OVERLAND EXPRESS"
Buck Jones

Thursday, Friday, Saturday
JANUARY — 9, 10, 11

"Thrill of a Lifetime"

Starring
Dorothy Lamour Ben Blue
Betty Grable
The Yacht Club Boys
Short Subjects

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,
JANUARY — 12, 13 14

"Four Men and a Prayer"

Starring
Loretta Young C. A. Smith
Richard Green
SPECIAL ATTRACTION:
"MARCH OF TIME"

"That was in other times," replied the accused. "You couldn't do it nowadays and get by on it" he concluded.

Asked by the court why he had selected his 63-year-old bachelor uncle to forge the cheques on, Moore replied that his uncle was boarding with the accused's widow mother, who was said uncle's sister, and that he was paying no board but salting down all he made by working about on neighboring farms, while his mother was trying to subsist on an old age pension and the returns from a 25-acre farm given largely over to pasture. He knew that his uncle had a bank account and that the cheques would be paid, he said.

Asked as to whether he did not know forgery was a serious offence, and on his replying in the negative, the court advised him that a life sentence could be imposed for such a crime. However the bench said it wasn't its intentions to exact the maximum penalty in this case, and that it thought the ends of justice would be met in this instance by the imposition of a year's determinate period in the Reformatory, with an indeterminate period of three months on each of the three charges, the terms of run concurrently.

RESIGNS AFTER 27 YEARS IN OFFICE

Stewart McQuay was elected president of the Markham Township Conservative Association at the annual election of officers held in the Unionville town hall.

James Gibson, who has tendered his resignation after serving as secretary-treasurer of the association for the past 27 years, was asked to serve pro-tem until another secretary-treasurer is elected. He was given a life honorary membership in the association, as also was Robert Stiver, of Markham.

Other officers elected were: First vice, W. F. Kincaid; second vice, Raymond Brillinger; third vice, Edward Walker; fourth vice, Albert Clark.

The election was conducted by Jack Leslie, president of the York East Provincial Riding Association. Speakers were R. H. McGregor, M.P., J. D. Mills, secretary of the York East Provincial Riding Association; Jack Leslie, and C. R. Purcell, secretary of the York East Provincial Riding Association.

ONE YEAR FOR FORGERY

Pleading guilty to forging the name of his bachelor uncle, Albert Dier, to three different cheques for \$10 each, John Moore, 38-year-old farm laborer of the Port Elgin district, stated that he wasn't going to starve and that a man could not live working during busy seasons for farmers at \$1 per day and lay off during the slack periods.

"But I've worked for less than \$1 a day," retorted Magistrate Walker.



TOMATO-HEAVER

Frank Harrison caused a sensation in the London Royal courts of justice when he threw tomatoes at the two judges on the bench. He was arrested and charged with contempt of court —Six weeks in prison was the sentence.

The other night a man driving between Tobermory and Wiarton came across an unusual sight. On the road was a load of hay proceeding slowly and walking behind were two young deer, munching hay as they looked quite happy and unconcerned.

SALLY'S SALLIES



A monologue is a discussion between a wife and a husband.