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Editorial Comment

Dog Owners Must Register

The Village Clerk in Cannington published a warning last week to the effect that all dog harbourers or owners who fail to come forward and register their animal and procure a tag, will be summoned to court by April 1st. This would be a good warning to issue by any municipality, and it would save a lot of trouble with delinquent dog owners.

Ontario Appreciates Provincial Stand

With a twelve million, six hundred thousand surplus, no new taxes, and the one mill subsidy continued to municipalities, the Heburn government is deserving of some praise. The order of the day is more and more taxes, but the Ontario lads at Queens Park have given us something to be thankful for. It would have been an easy matter to call for new taxation under the guise of war effort. The Heburn government has taken the stand that the best way to help is to make things easier, continuing the services they are rendering this province with no increased taxation.

Preaching for a Call

Richmond Hill like Stouffville has a congregation engaged in the task of selecting a minister, only the Hill has two congregations engaged in the task, both the United and Presbyterian. Editor Jack Smith thinks it must be a pretty hard task, for the minister must feel that all eyes are on him, the way he slicks his hair, his dress, smile, and even his family are checked up.

It doesn't sound very professional to have congregations engaged in the task of selecting a minister, only the higher authority has decreed that it shall be so, for they are opposed to a stated pastorate, largely because the "big fellow" with the "saso" wants to stick to the city, where liberal salaries are paid, and he refuses to listen to the common demand of congregations everywhere.

Weekly Paper Needs Your Assistance

In a recent address at Sherbrooke a well known eastern editor pointed out some interesting facts in the relationship of the local paper to its readers and its community. It has always been difficult to get the public to understand that the organization of a local paper is such as to encourage much freer type of intimacy with its readers than is possible on the more detached city papers, remarks the Huntsville Forester. In other words, our contemporary says the local editor, in his weekly survey of the happenings of his locality, relies to a large extent upon the contact he has with his readers, whose interest, even though not wholly active, has a noteworthy influence upon the character of the weekly issue and the extent of its news coverage.

Readers can, with very little effort, observe the Collingwood Bulletin materially help in the gathering of the weeks happenings for recording in their local paper. With no organized news gathering staff, the editor welcomes a phone call telling of this or that happening in the community, which might be otherwise overlooked.

Gravel Wasteful Without Binder

In seven years the County of Ontario has built thirty miles of bituminous roads with county funds, three miles of which is located in towns and villages built by county rebates. This is the interesting information contained in the Engineer's annual report on County and Oshawa Suburban Roads, in the County of Ontario, 1940, issued by J. Kean, County engineer and road superintendent.

The observation made by the engineer is contained in a comment on the progress made in the construction of retreat or mulch roads on the county roads and connecting links in urban municipalities.

The first retreat construction was built in 1934 and in the seven years following there has been built the 30 miles of bituminous roads. The deterioration of gravel materials when used for road surfaces without a binder is so evident and wasteful that even the most skeptical must admit that bituminous retreat or mulch is a good example of the conservation of materials paid for as built, no debenture issue which also boosts their popularity, says the report.

Mr. Kean expresses the opinion that the construction of bituminous surface roads should not be neglected.

"Six Months' Credit"

Not for several years has there been an auction sale in these parts with the terms reading, "Six Months' Credit" until last week a bill printed at Dundalk and posted in The Tribune office for a sale to be held at Zephyr was seen. Farmers were startled to read the old familiar conditions of sale and they fairly smiled in this hub of the auction sale district with auctions advertised every day in March, all sales are for cash only. No discount allowed either, and the strange thing is that they sell just as well as when credit terms were allowed.

Five years ago local banks carried a hundred thousand dollars in sale notes, on which farmers were paying interest. Since the days of cash sales the farmers are relieved from this burden of debt, and they are better for it.

One of the main reasons for the cash terms was the difficulty in telling the farmer's standing. Before the depression every farmer had financial rating but after the depression, men who were formerly taken as good risk, were poor risk, and the banks could scarcely guarantee anyone's ability to pay. Cash terms started in a faulting way, with credit to those who purchased a large bill of goods. Soon this too was discarded for spot cash on all accounts, and we expect it will now continue to be the order at all future sales.

At one auction last week in Markham township buyers, purchased a machine at \$632 and another at over \$300. Both whipped out the cash so why have credit terms.

Overseas Mail

Letter received by Mr. Wm. Greenbury of Stouffville from the George Kiloh family, former residents of this town, now living in Scotland.
5 55 Urquhart Rd.
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Dear Brother and All,

Well it seems, a long time since I have heard from you, the boys got a letter the other day from Fred Pugh and they were sure pleased to get it. We are all fine here and have survived so far. Only one air-raid last week. We have been issued our ear plugs. Well the sun has just gone again, but I am not stopping this letter for Hitler. George has received word to go into munitions. One week we had to go to a shelter every night, and one night we just got upstairs and had to go back. A bomb fell one night as near as Winn's farm is to you, and George was knocked on his face. He said he felt the hot-air from it and the floor seemed to rise and fall. The children are saving bomb splinters for you.

We have received several Tribunes but a lot of the mail has gone down in the sea. We are certainly having very cold weather and plenty of snow. It is terribly damp.

Just last Thursday night, George said, come on for a walk, but we were only out of the house five minutes when a plane came over and let go his load, and what damage it did. I saw the flashes and turned and ran home, though my legs could scarcely carry me. They are still digging for the bodies.

What a worry it is they are warning us of the invasion. What a loss of life, and the booming, how I dread it. It seems every time I have started this letter the siren has gone. George is in the A.R.P., and has to run when the siren goes, to his post. Must get this to the post now.

Below is a communication received by Mrs. Les. Wilson of Stouffville from relatives in England, written only a few weeks ago. In part, the letter reads:

This is the first Sunday I have had at home for six months, in fact the third free evening in all that period. You can imagine it has been pretty hectic over here. I know you must always be wondering how we are when you listen to the wireless and hear how the Jerry fiends are trying to fetch us under their heel. The fact is we are so well looked after by our Royal Air Force and others of the Service that although German air visits are often and persistent they cannot make so much mess of us or do such damage as they would wish. I do not mean to say that we always escape. Queen's Rd. has been well hit on two occasions, here where we live, but thank goodness here at No.44 we have a sound roof and so far the two occupants are still safe and sound.

You can't imagine what it is to

Was in Plymouth Raid



Fresh from a visit to the victorious Australian shock troops in Libya R. G. Menzies, prime minister of Australia, smiled as he arrived in London after a 21,000-mile trip by air. He was conferring with British officials on the prosecution of the war. Only last week he was in Plymouth when the Germans loosed thousands of bombs on the city.

live in the actual battle front as we are. Repeated sirens, gun-fire both day and night and when the Jerry brings his load and drops them, it makes one get jittery, wondering what will happen next. But against that, repetition makes one treat it with some contempt especially when visits are often and nothing happens. All I hope is that the frequency of the R.A.F. over Germany and France will so let them see that it takes more than murder of women and children to pull the teeth of the British bulldog. We cannot say how proud we are in England of you imperialists in the colonies and also of the people of the United States. We frequently see your lads in kaki and sailor bops. I willingly raise my hat to them and indeed extremely grateful for having come to aid the old country. Thank goodness we have such fine chips off the old block, so courageous and anxious to play their part.

On Tuesday last I completed 26 years in the Force of the Special Constabulary here at Gosport, and am proud that the Chief Constable has recognized my service. I am also, as I think I told you, Chairman of the Committee arranging the air-raid precautions in the Borough. So you see I have plenty to engage my leisure time when I have such a thing.

Grave digging up in the village of Tara, Bruce county, will now cost \$7 instead of \$6 as heretofore. Of course, you can escape this by staying alive.

"In Days Of Yore"

From The Stouffville Free Press. Nov. 6, 1896

The Congregational church have engaged J. W. Bengough, Canada's Great Cartoonist, to give one of his popular programs in Daley's Hall on Nov. 24th.

Miss A. Brown, who has been a teacher in our public school for a number of years, has resigned.

The many friends of Mr. Allan Guthrie will be pleased to learn that he is around again, after a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Mr. R. J. Daley has a large staff of workmen engaged this week getting his mammoth skating ring in shape for the coming season.

Miss Blanche O'Brien is visiting her brother-in-law, Mr. A. Stouffer, at Newmarket, this week.

The Jessie Alexander entertainers were in Daley's Hall on Friday evening.

Mr. Jacob Burkholder has returned after a three months' sojourn in Chicago and other places.

Mr. John Monkhouse, tailor, has opened up for business again in Mrs. F. Wilson's block, on the south side Main Street.

A syndicate composed of Markham and Scarboro farmers have purchased from Messrs. Graham Bros., Clarendon, the well-known trotting stallion Vrowsky for the sum of \$2300.

Dr. Smith, dentist, has lately returned from Chicago, where he took a post-graduate course.

Mr. Charlie Urquhart, who has been relieving at the Colbourne branch of the Standard Bank for the past few months, was home over Friday, before going to Brussels.

On Saturday afternoon last while Mr. and Mrs. John G. Martin, the

popular host and hostess of the Queen's hotel, were driving along returning from Goodwood, their horse became frightened, at a big dog and jumped into the opposite ditch upsetting the buggy, and throwing the occupants out.

From The Stouffville Tribune. January 7, 1904

The G.T.R. water tank froze here for the first time on Monday.

Rev. Geo. Washington, M.A. of Lemonville will preach in the Methodist church here on Sunday.

Mr. J. W. Shankel spent the holiday at Lockport, and was accompanied home by Mrs. Shankel, who has been visiting friends there for a few weeks.

Mr. Geo. Dixon of Toronto spent New Year's at the old home.

Mr. Frank Davis of Toronto visited at home over the holiday.

Last Thursday night Clarendon juniors came here to try conclusions with the Stouffville Swifts and won by a score of 3-1.

Monday morning was the coldest in six. The dawn was clear while the mercury hovered around -24. Only 10 times in the last thirty years has it been colder. Not in 35 years have we had such a persistent and cold season.

At the election here on Monday, the following was the result—For reeve, R. Underhill 180; J. B. Wurts 95. For council, W. A. Sangster, 201; J. C. Bundy 184; C. Armstrong, 173; R. P. Coulson, 169; H. Widdifield, 114. Therefore the council for 1904 are Reeve Underhill, and councillors, Armstrong, Bundy Sangster, and Coulson. The "Good Roads" bylaw was defeated by a majority of 75.

CANADIAN OIL INDUSTRY

The Canadian Oil industry, represented mainly by the Province of Alberta, is beginning to assume proportions of one of Canada's major industries. The industry entered 1941 with production at a rate never before equalled at the start of any previous year.

The Turner Valley crude oil field only came into being four and a half years ago, succeeding some 30 years when mainly naphtha productions was taken, but has shown a phenomenal record. Out of 150 wells drilled, some 140 have come into commercial production and of the balance some are gas producers, which in a few cases have produced considerable quantities of crude in the early stages before it was necessary to class them as gas wells. In 1940, 36 wells were drilled and 36 came into production.

The increased development of crude oil in Canada comes at a very opportune time, as this country normally imports around \$55,000,000 of gasoline and oil annually, and anything that will tend to make Canada self-sustaining and thereby reducing the strain on our foreign exchange, contributes greatly to the war effort.

OLD COUNTRY FIRMS FACE PAPER SHORTAGE

Below is an interesting verse which appeared in a current issue of an Old Country newspaper, The Scarborough Mercury: Though times are far from good, we know

On paper there's a ban,
But since we're British to the core
We'll do the best we can;
In spite of all we'll carry on,
We'll keep a cheerful grin—
No matter what the days may bring,
We'll stick it—till we win.
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Bundles for Britain is an organization in United States with 700 branches and 650,000 members. It gives real meaning to that old phrase about hands across the sea.

FARMERS KICK, HORSES SNORT AS SCIENCE LAGS

It is not any wonder that farmers have a kick coming, while the old farm team fairly snort and sweat at conditions as they stand at this delightful spring season. To leave the home acres and reach the village with even half a load of grist, requires the resources of something more than science has evolved for the job, what with snow banks to surmount and finally dust roads to pass over, the farmer is rudely reminded that good sleighing, like true love, never runs smooth.

Leaving the stables it requires some manoeuvring to surmount the depths of snow before reaching the end of the lane, then the sideroad might be expected to provide just the right kind of slipping to permit a bit of smooth going that delights man and team. However, when they reach the highway, roads are bare, dust is flying and so are the automobiles. Its bad enough to be left behind in the lurch, as it were, with a buggy as the cars race by, but to be stranded with the sweating team, broken harness strained beyond its ability, and a load of chop or something, is enough to exasperate a Job of Bible days. This experience has been common around Stouffville for ten days and there's no denying it. Seems as though science hadn't kept abreast of the farmers' need in this matter, for what it wanted, according to one tiller of the soil, is a vehicle that could be quickly converted from wheels to runners by means of a lever, so that whatever is needed, be it runners or wheels, it would be available at the proper moment.

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

Not even a four goal deficit could dampen the ardour of Parry Sound Junior hockey fans who arrived in Markham for last week's game, 300 strong, by special train. And that wasn't all, they brought along the town Bugle Band too. The evening crowd of 1,300 was a record for Markham arena.

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