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Notes and Comments

Mistake is More Apparent Now

The failure to complete the five miles of road between Goodwood and Uxbridge is becoming more apparent as time goes by. There is no provincial gravel road within a good many miles of this short stretch of unfinished road.

Would Discontinue Snow Plows

Now comes the suggestion that to save gasoline all snow plowing on the roads up in Wellington County, along with the rest of Ontario counties, should be discontinued for the duration.

Early in September the idea does not sound bad, but when the snowdrifts are piled high we are wondering what those farmers who ship milk and cream would do, especially the ever-increasing numbers who have no horse-drawn vehicles.

Pickering Takes Timely Advantage of New Amendment

One of the first municipalities to take advantage of an amendment to the Assessment Act, Pickering township council passed a bylaw at its last meeting authorizing the assessor to levy an occupancy tax against properties which cease to become exempt after the return of the municipal assessment roll.

The legislation was passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature and provides the municipalities with the power to assess properties which heretofore were exempt from taxation for a portion of the year, although actually occupied as homes or places of business.

The Pickering bylaw is to require every person who after the rate for the current year has been levied, ceases to be exempt from taxation or being a building which was erected after the return of the assessment roll, shall pay to the corporation an occupancy tax upon the commencement of

such occupancy.

We imagine the adoption of the Act in Pickering is meant to gain some revenue from the increasing building activity in the southern end of the municipality due to the influx of war workers. The township has lost a great deal in taxation due to the government taking over a large area of farm lands from which no more taxes may be collected.

The village of Swansea has also adopted the same legislation, but other places where building operations need to be encouraged in the municipality it is not likely that advantage of the amendment will be taken. Some villages and towns before the war even talked of exempting properties for three years of those taxes they could exempt in order to induce more homes to be built.

Alliston Has the Right Idea

"It is time now to make those little trenches along the side of the cement walks in order that the water may get away in the winter time," observes the Alliston Herald. The idea is a good one, and could be adopted in Stouffville with good advantage.

A Knotty Problem to Solve

The Whitby Gazette and Chronicle had a timely editorial last week on the distribution of bread as it relates to the use of gasoline. The situation in Whitby is similar to that of every other town or village, and might go for the delivery of other goods by the big city stores who could ship their goods by train.

"At a time when the Dominion oil controller is taking steps to conserve gasoline to further the Empire's war effort, and asking for public co-operation, we respectfully call his attention to the large amount of gasoline being consumed under the present system of duplication of services in the delivery of food. For instance, on the streets of the Town of Whitby a few mornings ago there were no less than eight trucks from Toronto, Oshawa and Brooklin, delivering bread; far more than is necessary to supply the town's bread needs when one considers that the staff of life can be purchased in every grocery store in town, and when there is a modern bakery quite able to take care of the bulk of the town's needs.

PAYS \$150 FINE FOR VIOLATION OF BACON BOARD ORDERS

Louis Golden of Tecumseh Street, Toronto, was found guilty recently at a magistrate's court in Toronto of a violation of the orders of the Bacon Board and was fined \$150 with the option of one month in jail.

Goldman's license had previously been suspended by the Bacon Board, and the Magistrate who tried the case expressed the view that anyone who would seek to renew the license should also be fined.

HEALTH RULES MUST BE OBSERVED

Don't sleep on your left side for it causes too great pressure on the heart. Don't sleep on the right side, for that interferes with respiration of the right lung. Don't sleep on your stomach for that interferes with respiration of both lungs.

She Went Back



Olsa Benning, 19, went home to London from Canada. It took her six weeks, first by clipper to Lisbon, seeing the Azores packed with Portuguese troops, and in the Lisbon airdrome British and German planes almost side by side.

A PUBLISHER'S BLESSING

O blessed is he who does not fuss When he receives a bill from us; But knowing his subscription due, Sends in the money to renew.

Said The Tribune to absent friends

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Sunday School Lesson

THE ETERNAL GOD, THE SOURCE OF HELP

Golden Text—Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come.—Rev. 4:8

The Lesson as a Whole

Strictly speaking, the lovely scene portrayed in these verses is a foreshadowing of the happiness of those who will be redeemed from the earth at the close of the period designated by our Lord as the "great tribulation". It will take place between the rapture of the church and the visible coming of the Son of man to set up His Kingdom on the earth in power and glory.

Verse 9—"A great multitude... stood before the throne." When the present age closes, God will not be through dealing with men in grace, though a period of terrible judgment will follow the rapture of the Church when the wrath of God and of the Lamb will be poured out upon Christendom. But even then mercy will rejoice against judgment and many will be saved, who had not previously heard and willfully rejected the Gospel. This vast throng will stand before the throne of the Lamb when He returns to reign. As victors over the hosts of evil of the last days, they wave palms and are arrayed in white robes, which speak of practical righteousness.

Verse 10—"Salvation to our God... and unto the Lamb." Like triumphant Israel on the farther shore of the Red Sea after Pharaoh's host was vanquished, they sang a song of joy and victory, having experienced the marvel of God's salvation in the most adverse circumstances.

Verse 11—"The angels... the elders and the four beasts." The heavenly hosts look down with adoring gladness as they behold these earthly saints who are to be with the Lamb when He reigns in power down here. They fall as worshippers before the throne.

Verse 12—"Saying, Amen." Amen means Be it so, or Let it be established. Angels and saints carried out for the earth. They see in this company the first fruits of the great millennial harvest, and they set their seal to the fulfillment of the prophetic word.

Verse 13—"What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?" The question is asked of John by one of the twenty-four elder priests, who represent the heavenly saints. He would have the seer consider this great company, who are evidently distinct from either Old Testament believers or the Church of this present age.

Verse 14—"These are they which came out of great tribulation." John does not attempt to answer. He exclaims, "Sir, thou knowest." So the elder explains. These are believers of a later age, who will be saved in and come up out of the tribulation, the great one (there are two definite articles here, in the Greek text) and who in that time of great testing will avail themselves of the cleansing power of the blood of Christ. Their robes (that is, their habits or ways) will be washed white—cleansed from all that defiles—in the blood of the Lamb. All who are saved, whether for Heaven or millennial blessedness on earth, in any age, will owe everything to the matchless grace of God as set forth in the work of His Son on the cross. "Neither is there salvation in any other."

Verse 15—"Therefore are they before the throne... and serve him day and night in his temple." This makes it clear that we are not here

viewing a heavenly, but rather an earthly scene. There is no temple in the New Jerusalem. The temple of God will be built upon the earth and will indeed be a house of prayer for all nations in the millennial Kingdom. Moreover, these are seen before the throne—on this earthly footstool. And yike a company of sheep, they will be enclosed under the Lord's care. He that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them." This accords such protection will be required.

Verse 16—"They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore." In the testing days of the Great Tribulation, through which they will have passed they would have known much of deprivation of life's ordinary necessities, but all that will be over when the King, for whose name's sake they shall have suffered will return and destroy the powers of evil that have despoiled the earth. No longer will they be driven out from the dwellings of men to suffer beneath the burning sun of the desert. All discomfort will be over and they shall enter into the Kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. For these are really identical with the "sheep" of Matthew 25 who are to share the blessings of the days of Heaven on earth, when the Son of man reigns in righteousness over all this globe.

Verse 17—"The Lamb... shall be their shepherd." This is the marginal reading of the Authorized Version and the text of the Revised version. They will know the joy of His shepherd care and will never more be exposed to suffering and sorrow. Led to living fountains of waters theirs will be perennial refreshment and from their eyes all tears will be wiped away. Thus they will know to the full how well worth while it is to endure the hatred and persecution of a godless world while waiting for their Shepherd-King to take His great power

In the Editor's Mail

Stouffville, Sept 6, 1941

Mr. Editor,

Talk about the Germans willfully destroying things, why we have people that travel on the 10th line and just take each mail post and box with their car, and uproot them. Three were smashed on Wednesday. I think there should be two dozen police on the job these nights when there are dances at the Lake. We don't mind them running the roads but when they get so far gone, well it's time someone interfered.

Yours for Decency A subscriber for 30 years.

OUR LITTLE TOWN

Our little town—God bless it! Is the grandest place to live; It has all sorts of happy things And blessings fine to give. It really makes my heart feel glad When up the street I go, I say hello to Ann and Bill And others that I know. It's nice to pass the time of day, At grocery stores and such; Meet Aunt Gemma Hutchison, Who always knows so much. Our little town's so friendly— I know most every one; Feel sure that I shall see some friends.

I never feel quite all alone Amidst my friends so dear— So is it any wonder I thank God that I live here?

THANKSGIVING DAY

A proclamation in the Canada Gazette of Aug. 16, 1941, appoints Monday, 13th October, 1941, as Thanksgiving Day.