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Notes and Comments

Our Village Bylaw

It took an application for a pool table to bring to the attention of the town council in Stouffville that there was no limit placed on the number of licenses or the number of tables that might operate here. While the council lost no time in bringing down a bylaw that would govern these things, the community has done without the protection of the law for twenty years. Had no application been made for an additional license for the next twenty, no one would have been the wiser about the matter.

However, the request from the Village Inn for a license, brought the matter to light. A similar situation may be said to exist in respect to the regulation of motor traffic. Because one or two people continually leave trucks parked for hours and even days at a time on Main street, and show no interest whatever in the welfare of other people, the council must pass a bylaw limiting the time trucks may be parked alongside the curb.

It is well that the town bylaws be scrutinized now and again, with out-dated ones being modernized, and unnecessary bylaws eliminated. For instance, we have one in force that requires motorists to stop cars, shut down the engine, and lead an oncoming horse by the car.

That was O.K. 35 years ago, but it appears like a joke today. Such a bylaw should be repealed.

Even a Shoe String Can Be Interesting

Merchants are often heard to say they have nothing to advertise, and they may be telling the truth, but all of them have a story to tell. It may be about the simplest commodity on the shelf. Lehman's Shoe Store and A. E. Weldon are the two shoe merchants in Stouffville and the main sellers of shoe laces, although other stores do sell them too. None of them depend on a "shoe string," but those little lengths of plain or mercerized cotton or rayon which makes for walking comfort and which are almost completely ignored accessories until they fail to see eye to eye with their owner's shoes and have to be replaced. We recall writing an adv. once for a merchant in which we were to feature shoe laces, and the heading was: "Always Carry a Spare." Of course everybody read it.

No one knows how many pairs are manufactured in Canada in a year, but if a plant turns out a million and a half, you can count the number of manufacturers on your two hands, so fair compilations can be reached. Since the war about 20 colors and odd length laces have been eliminated. But to get our feet on the ground again, it may be interesting to point out that cheap laces are made from plain cotton with mercerized cotton next, and rayon in the highest price bracket.

No local dealers could offer you silk laces just now, but shortly they may sell them since a Quebec firm is stocking Nnylon yarn for the purpose.

If Ormsby Lehman was giving a sales talk on "shoe laces" he might tell you about the modern lace for which the war is largely responsible. We mean the elimination of the metal tip. Metal tips require painting to the color of the

lace, and nothing could be done to prevent it from wearing off. Often the tips pulled off and the lace was a nightmare for the user because it frayed. So today the manufacturers use a plastic called, "Pyralin" which comes colored and is easily cemented to the lace. It is an invention in shoe lace manufacturing that is likely to be permanent.

All that remains to be said now about shoe laces is that we have given our readers a great lacing over a comparatively simple commodity that we give little thought to.

Realism About Russia

Colliers Magazine recently came out with some sobering facts about Russia, all dealing with the hard side. We pass them on to our readers, and ask them to say to themselves, "If all these things are facts against Russia, why do its teeming millions fight like fiends to preserve for themselves this way of life which the magazine writer would picture as anything but a bed of roses. Here is the article,

"Russia has no freedom of speech or of press. You talk and think as the government wishes you to—or else. All the newspapers, magazines, book-publishing houses and radio stations are owned by the government, and naturally they sing Stalin's song exclusively. It remains to be seen how sincere have been Stalin's recent gestures at restoring a measure of religious freedom in Russia.

"The secret police (once the OGPU, now the NKVD) are still actively at work in Russia, and there are still large and reportedly brutal concentration camps open to receive lots of guests. One recent estimate puts the number of prisoners now in these holes at ten to twelve million.

"Russia's Red Army shows more and more signs of becoming an old-time regulation European army in the tradition of Frederick the Great or Napoleon Bonaparte, with the best modern weapons and plenty of them. Gone are the soldier debates as to whether to obey an order."

There is nothing to be gained now or later, and much may be lost, by developing an ostrich attitude towards Russia. The sooner we face facts the more chance there will be of real and permanent peace after the war.

There is and should be tremendous admiration for the fight being waged by the Russians. They have shortened the war by years, may well indeed have decided the final outcome. But this should not blind us to the fact that their system is not what most Canadians, Americans or Britons want. If the Russians prefer theirs to our way of living, that is their business.

The important thing for us to remember in our dealings with Moscow is that we are up against hard boiled realism. The Russians want from us not hero worship, but practical co-operation."

Securities Commissioner Makes the Racketeer Pay Back

Under present securities administration in Ontario great emphasis is laid on restitution. That is, people who feel they have had a "raw deal" from a stock salesman, may have the help of the Securities Commission in getting their money back.

Unfortunately, this policy of restitution often proves to be a means whereby the stock pirate may evade the penalty of the law and is able to continue his extremely profitable depredations on the public all across Canada.

For the share-pushing firm interested in selling shares at high profit—and with few or with no scruples on how its salesmen do it—restitution has become a "safety valve" which allows not only continuation of selling by misrepresentation but also retention of most of the gains.

If only one out of every five victims seeks redress and the money has to be given back, share pushing is still an extremely profitable business.

The safest way is to have no dealings with strangers and never give them any money or bonds in any deal whatever before telling your banker or some friend who can talk the matter over with you intelligently. If the stranger won't wait for the investigation, its because it won't bear the light.

Hitler's Dream

There's a rumor now current, though strange it may seem,

Of Herr Hitler and his most wonderful dream,

Being tired of war he lay down in bed,

And among other things he dreamt he was dead.

In his deep coffin all lying in state,

His cold waxen features all frozen with hate,

He hadn't been dead long when he found to his cost,

That his tickets and passport to the next world was lost.

So leaving this earth, to heaven went straight

Doing the goose-step right up to the gate.

But the look-out angel in a voice strong and clear,

Said, "Begone Adolf Hitler we don't want you here,"

"Well," said Adolf, "that's very unkind,"

"I suppose that means I must go to the devil,"

So he turned on his heel and off he did go,

Goose-stepping full speed to the regions below;

He got half way down and turning quite yellow,

He saw Chamberlain going up with his old umbrella,

A mile further down as near as he could judge it,

He saw Simon going up waving his budget,

Arriving at hell he was filled with dismay,

For while waiting outside he heard old Nick say,

"Now Boys, I give you all warning,

I'm expecting Hitler down here this morning,

But don't let him in, for to me it's quite clear,

We are far too good for that mongrel down here."

"Oh Satan, my friend," poor Adolf cried,

"Excuse me for listening while waiting outside,

If you don't let me in, where can I go?"

"Well," said the devil, "I really don't know."

"Oh please let me in out of the cold,

If it's money you want I've lots of Czeck gold,

"No," said the devil, "certainly not."

We don't reserve places for rich or for poor,

But here are some matches and powdered sulphur,

Make a hell for yourself, you despicable old cur."

So he kicked Hitler's hind parts as he vanished in smoke,

And just at the moment Herr Hitler awoke,

He sat up in bed in a terrible sweat,

And said, "Ach Himmel, that dream I'll never forget,

I won't go to heaven I know very well,

But it's darned hard lines to be kicked out of hell."

—By a Soldier in England.

EDITOR'S MAIL

STOP SUNDAY SPEEDERS

Stouffville, Ontario,
Jan. 16, 1944

The Tribune,
Stouffville,

Dear Editor,

I have no quarrel to pick with the constable of this town, but it would seem, especially to those living on the Main street that a little tightening of speed regulations wouldn't be a bad idea.

With fine weather which has prevailed on the Sabbath day throughout the winter, our main thoroughfare is turned into a veritable racetrack each Sunday afternoon. This past Sunday was a good example. Many people were out enjoying the fine weather, and there were numerous small children playing about too. Their lives were constantly in danger if they stopped off the curb as there was a steady stream of cars racing up and down through town at most excessive rates of speed.

It has become a favourite pastime especially for young men from the country to come to town on Sunday afternoons and race back and forth through town at 40 and 50 miles an hour endangering both their own lives and those of any others who chanced in their way.

I understand that last summer several of these fellows who seemed to have so little to occupy their time, were taken to task by the law, but it would seem that it is certainly not time yet to ease the pressure.

Gas is scarce, tires are precious, Main street is no racetrack and our churches are not crowded are all points which combined should be enough to have these reckless Sunday drivers curbed. While I'm not a religious crank nor a kill-joy I cer-

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WHEN ANIMALS CHOKE

Veterinary authorities have issued a caution not to attempt to pour medicine or oil down the throat of an animal which becomes choked. They point out that the principal cause of choking is a spasm of the gullet muscles, somewhat like the cramps which occurs in a swimmer's leg. The condition is generally relieved by a veterinarian injecting an anti-spasmodic, which causes the muscles of the gullet to relax, so the animal can swallow normally again. It is also pointed out that if choke is allowed to continue too long, it may cause cattle to bloat, so prompt corrective measures are always desirable.

I remain yours for saner driving.
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KING TOWNSHIP REDUCES FOX BOUNTY

King township council passed a resolution at their inaugural meeting reducing the bounty paid for foxes killed in the township from five dollars to two dollars.

Over \$700 has been paid out in bounties so far and it was felt that the five dollar bounty would be too costly to continue.

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