

# The Stouffville Tribune

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## NOTES and COMMENTS

### Should be Taught Lesson

What would you do to a boy who deliberately dropped a lighted firecracker down the inside of a girl's dress, inflicting severe burns when the explosion occurred? Frankly, one would hardly know what to do, except that in our opinion that smart-acting lad ought to get a taste of his own medicine. Not a firecracker, perhaps, under his clothing, but he ought to be given a whipping that would be administered with due justice to the hurt he inflicted on an innocent girl.

### The Starlings' Nests

During the spring nesting season, the starling is busy adding to his unpopularity by nesting in any rural mailbox into which he can find entrance. A pair of starlings will half fill one of these metal boxes in a day. They favor the older models that had a small opening, supposed to be covered with a metal flap.

Time and hard usage has succeeded in removing the cover from the letter opening from most mail boxes of this type. Just why a galvanized sheet iron box should be attractive as a place to bring up a family of little birds, we don't know, but these starlings never pass up a mailbox of the type that suits them.

They are persistent too, and have no respect for His Majesty's mail. They will sometimes scatter letters along the roadside, and they are heartily disliked by the mailmen. —Cornwall Standard-Freeholder.

### It's Great to Be A Canadian

You bet, it's great to be a Canadian says the Elmwood, Man., Herald, pointing out that Canadians spent the sum of \$822,378,000 on clothing alone in 1947. That's \$65 for every man, woman and child in Canada. The average Canadian drank 178 quarts of milk, ate 105 pounds of bread, 23 pounds of butter, 146 pounds of meat. There is a house, present conditions to the contrary, for every four Canadians.

While enjoying our good fortune, let us not forget there is cause for alarm. Taxes are mounting to a point that could be ruinous to the country as a whole. We have committed ourselves to legislation that cannot be easily gotten rid of in the future, should the time come when the country cannot afford to hand out free money as is being done today. Then again, municipal taxation in keeping with all other taxes, is growing in most municipalities, so that here in the County of York at least one municipality in the southern part will have a tax rate of 80 mills, and it is predicted this will be 100 mills in a couple of years.

Taxation could be a big stumbling block to happiness for all of us, unless it soon reaches its peak.

### Why Do They Continue McGregor?

At the Conservative nomination meeting for York East where R. H. McGregor won the nomination over Howard, of Leaside, a battle royal waged to keep McGregor out of the contest this time. Lack of interest in his constituents, and the fact that his voice has never been raised from the floor of parliament in all the long years he has been there, were points raised by the Conservatives against continuing McGregor in the office.

With such a seemingly poor candidate, persons may wonder how it is he can be elected. However, the riding is preponderantly Conservative and almost anything that can stand on two legs could be elected with the blue ticket label.

This paper does not know McGregor's capabilities, but we are aware that in all the years that Stouffville was in his riding we do not recall ever hearing of him being in the town, or of having ever done anything for the people. He never took the trouble to acquaint his electors during the year with what was going on at Ottawa and how he stood on any legislation. It is a pity that men like this can be returned after the electors find out how little interest they take in them.

It could be that Bob McGregor takes an interest in the so-called "machine" in Scarborough for it is from this source that he obtained his backing to gain the convention recently held.

### Straining At A Gnat

A curious case appeared recently in a Toronto court, in which a tenant was evicted from the house in which he lived because he neglected to stamp his rent-cheque. The court upheld the landlord because it is the law that a cheque which is not stamped is worthless; it is not enough to give three cents with the cheque, or to add three cents to the value of the cheque; the stamp must be affixed to the cheque by the person who signs it. This looks like straining at a gnat and the judge certainly took a poor view, unless he was looking for a way to evict a tenant. Any bank would have cashed that cheque, hence it was, we think, unfair to say it was worthless, but so long as it is the law of the land we must know about it and heed it, or we may find ourselves in the sad plight of the Toronto tenant whose landlord has evicted him on a technicality.

The Peterboro Examiner says that the stamping of cheques is one of the many nuisance taxes which we all endure without complaint and without any hope that it will ever be lifted. Governments love these taxes, for they are easy to collect and they bring in considerable sums of revenue. In Peterborough there are seven banks which handle roughly a thousand cheques each every day; on paydays the number would be much larger; it is not hard to see what the stamps on those cheques would produce in this area alone. For this money the government provides nothing; it simply rules that whenever money changes hands by cheque the Dominion must get a small squeeze. Like the entertainments tax (now in the hands of provinces) it provides a good deal of money for nothing.

### SAFETY FIRST

Cuts, bruises and burns occur in the best regulated households and the wise homemaker keeps a well stocked first-aid kit on hand to deal with such minor emergencies. Prompt treatment may prevent a small hurt from developing into a major infection. Your family doctor will be glad to advise you as to what first-aid supplies should be kept in the house.

Modern sealing wax contains no wax.

At present rates a railway box-car has earned less than 80 per cent of its replacement value by the time it is retired from service.

Canadian railways are turning to the use of diesel locomotives in order to reduce high operating costs.

In 1947 net profits of Canadian corporations were 3½ cents on every dollar of sales, of which more than 2 cents were plowed back into business.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for May 29th

### WATCHING AND PRAYING IN GETHSEMANE

Golden Text—Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. —Mark 4:38

#### The Lesson as a Whole

To understand in some measure the travail of soul that our blessed Lord went through in Gethsemane it is necessary that we remember that He was God and man in one person. He united His deity with our humanity that He might become our Kinsman-Redeemer and involved His taking our place in judgment and enduring the wrath of God, which our sins deserved. Although He came from Heaven for this very purpose, it was not something to be entered into easily or without deepest spiritual exercise. A little before this time of His suffering in the Garden, He had said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished!" At the Jordan He had pledged Himself to fulfill all righteousness their own sinfulness and inability to meet the just demands of a holy God. Now He was about to fulfill that pledge He had made. As He knelt in that Garden all the horror of Calvary came before Him, and His holy soul shrank from the dreadful ordeal through which He must pass as the sinner's substitute. He could not have been who He was if it had been otherwise. Sin was to Him a hateful and terrible thing. Now He was about to be made sin—to endure in His own soul the sense of the divine displeasure against iniquity. Was there no other way by which propitiation could be made? Had the Father any plan, hitherto held in reserve, whereby reconciliation could be effected? His agonized petition, "If it be possible, let this cup pass," showed how gladly He would have had the Father disclose some other method of settling the sin question. But there was no other way. He must drain the bitter cup of Judgment that the sins of a world had filled; so in acquiescence to the Father's will He submitted to all that the cross involved, saying, "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" So He gave Himself up to those who came to arrest Him, knowing that the cross was for Him inevitable. He could not save Himself if He would save guilty sinners. He must endure the wrath of God Himself in order to save others from it.

#### The Historical Setting

Following the scene in the upper room, Jesus went with His disciples, Judas having left the company, out of the city, across the brook Kedron, to a garden on the western slope of the Mount of Olives called Gethsemane—the olive press. There He had often resorted for rest, meditation, and for prayer, so the place was well known to His followers. It was the night preceding His crucifixion and then Jesus faced the full meaning of the Cross.

#### Verse by Verse

Mark 14:32—"Sit ye here, while I shall pray." These words were addressed to eight of the disciples, whom Jesus left at the entrance of the Garden, while He went into His gloomy shadows to speak to His Father about that which was pressing upon His spirit—the drinking of the cup of divine wrath against sin.

Verse 33—"He taketh with him Peter and James and John." These three seemed to have entered more fully into an understanding of His mission than any of the others. On several occasions they had been selected to share special experiences with Him.

Verse 34—"Tarry ye here, and watch." Giving them some explanation of His deep exercise, He bade them to watch and pray, because of the solemnity of the hour He was about to face and which, to a certain extent, would involve them likewise as sharers with Him in His rejection of the world.

Verse 35—"He went forward a little." Passing deeper into the Garden, yet apparently near enough for the disciples to see and hear something of what He was going through, He fell upon the ground and in agony of soul "prayed that, if it were possible, the hour of judgment He had in view, when He must endure all that our sins deserved.

Verse 36—"Not what I will, but what thou wilt." Coming into the world He had said, I delight to do thy will, O my God. Now when the supreme test came, and the cross in all its terrors rose before Him, while He shrank from its horrors yet He was subject as ever to the Father's will. If satisfaction for sin could have effected in any other way, He would have rejoiced in it, but, if not, He was ready for all that the cup meant.

Verse 37—"Simon, sleepest thou?" He who had professed his readiness for any suffering in behalf of His Master was manifesting the weakness and slothfulness of the flesh by sleeping when he should have been watching unto

prayer.  
 Verse 38—"The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." How considerably Jesus looked upon the failure of the chosen three in that hour of testing. Although He chided them gently for their lack of watchfulness and for failure to continue in prayer, He nevertheless recognized the fact that they really loved Him and meant to share His sorrows but they weak through the flesh.  
 Verse 39—"Again he went away, and prayed and spake the same words." It is not wrong to continue to bring before God that which distresses us. Jesus again cried to His Father for deliverance if in accordance with His will, while protesting His readiness to do that will.  
 Verse 40—"He found them asleep again." Once more they had failed to heed His admonition to watch and pray. Overcome by drowsiness, and not realizing the tremendous issues involved, they had dropped off to sleep when they should have been lifting their hearts to God in fervent prayer, in fellowship with their suffering Master.  
 Verse 41—"He cometh the third time." He had gone away to pray again, and on His return found them still asleep. His own perturbation of spirit was over. He had gone over everything with His Father and He was quite ready to drink the bitter cup. Looking compassionately upon them, He exclaimed, "Sleeping still and taking rest!" Then, sensing the approach of those who had planned to arrest

Him, He added, "It is enough—the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."  
 Verse 42—"Rise up, let us go; lo, he that betrayeth me is at hand." Thus He went forth to meet with Judas and those who had come to lay hands upon Him, in order that He might be condemned to death.  
 Verse 43—"Judas, one of the twelve." The traitor will never forget this to all eternity. He had been one of those chosen to be with Jesus. His opportunities had been of the best. But he had renounced them all and sold out to the envious chief priests for the paltry sum of thirty pieces of silver. Knowing well where Jesus might be found, he led a hord of ruffians, as well as the leaders of Israel, to Gethsemane, where Jesus had so often resorted in company with the Twelve, Judas among them.  
 Verse 44—"Whomsoever I shall kiss, that same is he; take him, and lead him away safely." And so he betrayed the Son of man with an outward token of affection to which he was a stranger. What did he really mean by the last suggestion? Did he hope that after all no harm would come to Jesus, or did he mean that they were careful to lead Him away securely, fearing lest a riot might result, stirred up by the eleven faithful disciples? We may not know what was in his heart, but we do know that when the full result of his perfidy burst upon him he was filled with remorse and so became a suicide.

### The Heart of the Lesson

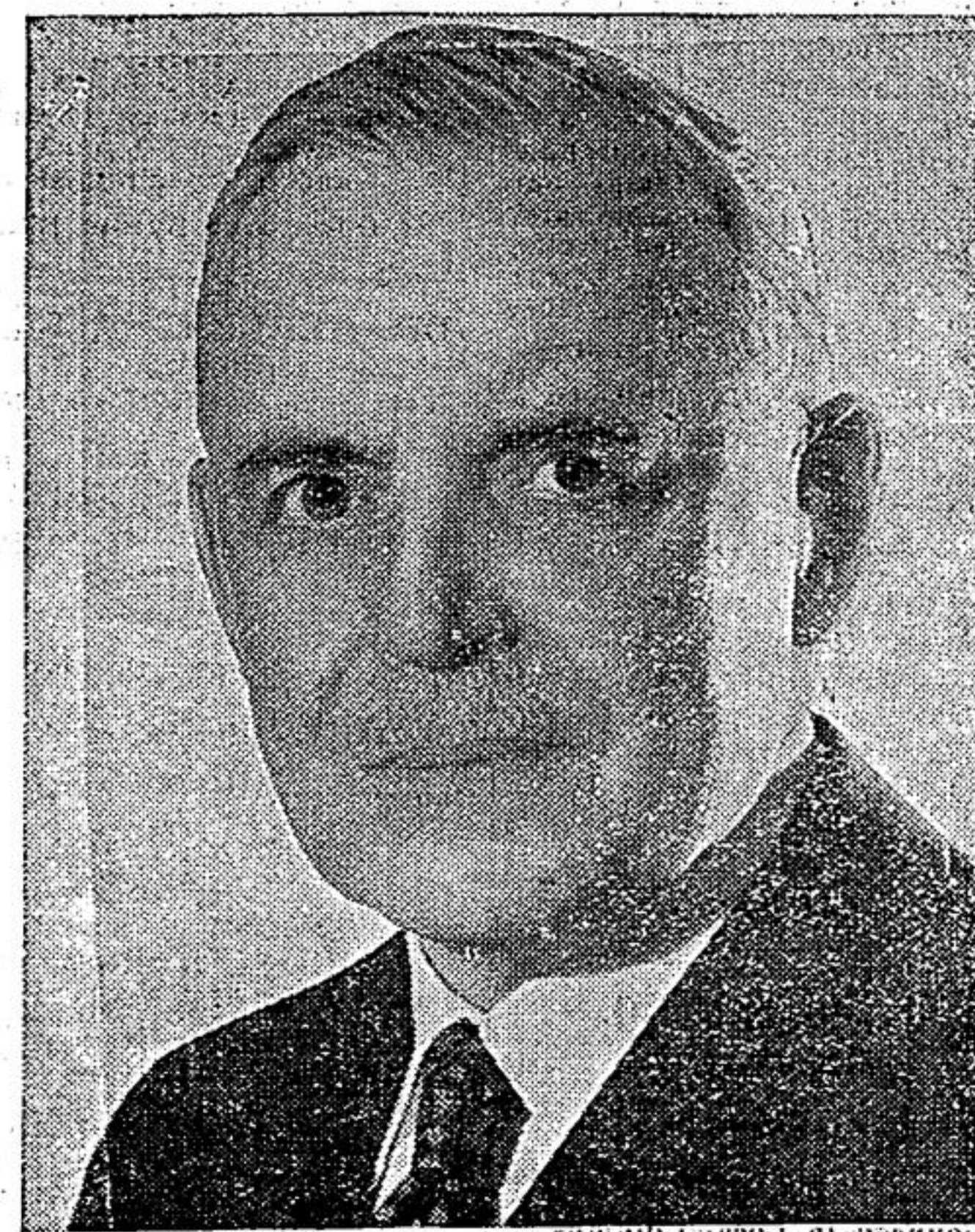
Atonement for sin was not effected by Christ's sufferings in Gethsemane. It was in anticipation of the work to be accomplished on the cross that His soul was exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. The very fact of His perfect sinlessness, His absolute holiness, made Him shrink from the terrible ordeal of taking the sinner's place and being dealt with by God as though He Himself were the guilty one. But when it was evident that by no other method could the sin question be settled, He acquiesced in the Father's will and so was prepared to go to the bitter cross, there to endure the hiding of God's face when He was made sin for us. How our hearts should be moved by love like this!

### NO COLOR DIFFERENCE HERE

William White, 34-year-old social worker, became the first Negro ever to run for election to the House of Commons when he was nominated Thursday as CCF candidate for Spadina in the Federal election next month. At least this indicates there is no color animosity in the ranks of the CCF for which they are to be commended.

A "modern" motorgoing gadget is an accelerator unit attached to the steering wheel. Maybe we'll get the spark lever back too.

# Canada's great Leader



LOUIS ST. LAURENT, Prime Minister of Canada

As in all democracies, the personality of the prime minister is one of the major facts of Canadian politics, and, inevitably, a major issue in a national election. At the polls on June 27 the voter must ask himself, ahead of anything else, who should be head of the state.

Considering the alternatives available, the answer to that question should not be difficult.

In Louis St. Laurent Canada has found not only a great national leader but the most typical Canadian in its public life.

That he had high abilities of the mind was proved by his career in law. That he had wisdom in cabinet, unique gifts in parliamentary debate and a quick grasp of large affairs became clear as soon as he entered the Government. In international affairs, as one of the original advocates of the Atlantic Pact, he made himself overnight a world figure who spoke out as no Canadian before him, in the councils of the nations.

But he has also revealed something much larger—an understanding of ordinary

people, because he is one of them.

This warm and essentially simple human being is the real St. Laurent, the product of the small town, of humble beginnings, hard work, a big family and the friendliness of country neighbors.

In blood, language and instincts he is the compact of our two great races. In character he is the quiet, homely and practical stuff of which the nation is made.

To the voter it is equally important that St. Laurent is the leader of a truly national party, with proved strength from coast to coast, the only party which can hope to form a stable government after the election. And not merely by office, but by unchallenged mastery of government, he is the leader of all the Canadian people.

St. Laurent's achievements as an international statesman, his government's achievements of debt reduction, tax reduction and increasing social security ALONE justify the election of him and his government.

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