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NOTES and COMMENTS

We Have a Wonderful Park

We in Stouffville should be justly proud of our town park. If you haven't visited this beauty spot this summer, you've missed something. Here are nearly twenty acres of beautiful surrounding, trees, well-kept lawns, rippling stream, and all the facilities which go to make a fine picnic and recreational grounds.

The recent formation of the Stouffville Community Centre which was in reality the formation of a new park board along government specified lines, is just another step in keeping these fine acres up-to-date. Under the new managing setup, the municipality will benefit to the extent of twenty-five percent on all capital expenditures made in the park.

The grounds have been thoroughly mapped out with the location of present buildings indicated, and assistance may be forthcoming from the Ontario Recreational Department if needed, in deciding the proper location for future buildings such as wash-rooms, additional bleachers, or swimming pools.

One cannot help but feel a tinge of real municipal pride when they visit the park any Saturday now, and listen to the fine comments passed by visiting picnic parties on the beautiful surroundings to be found here in the Stouffville park.

Busy Bees

To turn out one pound of honey, it is estimated that honey bees must have taken the nectar from more than 62,000 clover blossoms, and to accomplish this there would be required some 2,750,000 visits to the blossoms by the bees.

In other words to collect sufficient nectar to make up one pound of honey, a bee must proceed from hive to flower and back again 2,750,000 times.

When one considers the distances honey bees sometimes traverse in search of clover fields in some cases a mile or two from the hive, one begins to obtain an idea, in a slight degree, of the number of miles the industrious little creature must travel in order that many may possess a pound of honey. (Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph)

Councils and School Costs

Considerable criticism is levelled from time to time at the system which requires municipal councils to levy taxes for school expenditures and yet deprives them of any voice in determining what those expenditures should be. The criticism has been voiced around the Stouffville municipal council table on more than one occasion, and more particularly in the last decade since school costs have mounted to unheard of levels. Costs in the local public school have gone upwards by leaps and bounds, and the municipal council which must levy the taxes for these expenditures is powerless to put on the brakes.

The complaint was levelled during recent sessions of York County Council, and similarly protested by the Association of Reeves and Mayors. A request that municipal councils should at least be permitted the right of appeal to an authoritative body such as the Ontario Municipal Board, when they believe educational budgets excessive, has gone by the boards apparently.

While the local municipal council in Stouffville favors a new High School here, it is not these capital expenditures which are the greatest burden on the taxpayer; it is the current school expenditures which form the heavy charge upon the home owners, and it is only reasonable to contend that it is desirable that councils should be in a position to at least appeal, if they so wish, against these current costs amounting to about one-third of the tax rate in most municipalities.

While this right of appeal in no way would reduce the managerial powers of school boards which they now enjoy it is possible that the knowledge that their estimate of current expenditures may be questioned would have a salutary effect on them.

Wage Increase

A strike of workers in one skilled trade was recently averted when the employers granted concession equivalent to a weekly increase of \$5.00.

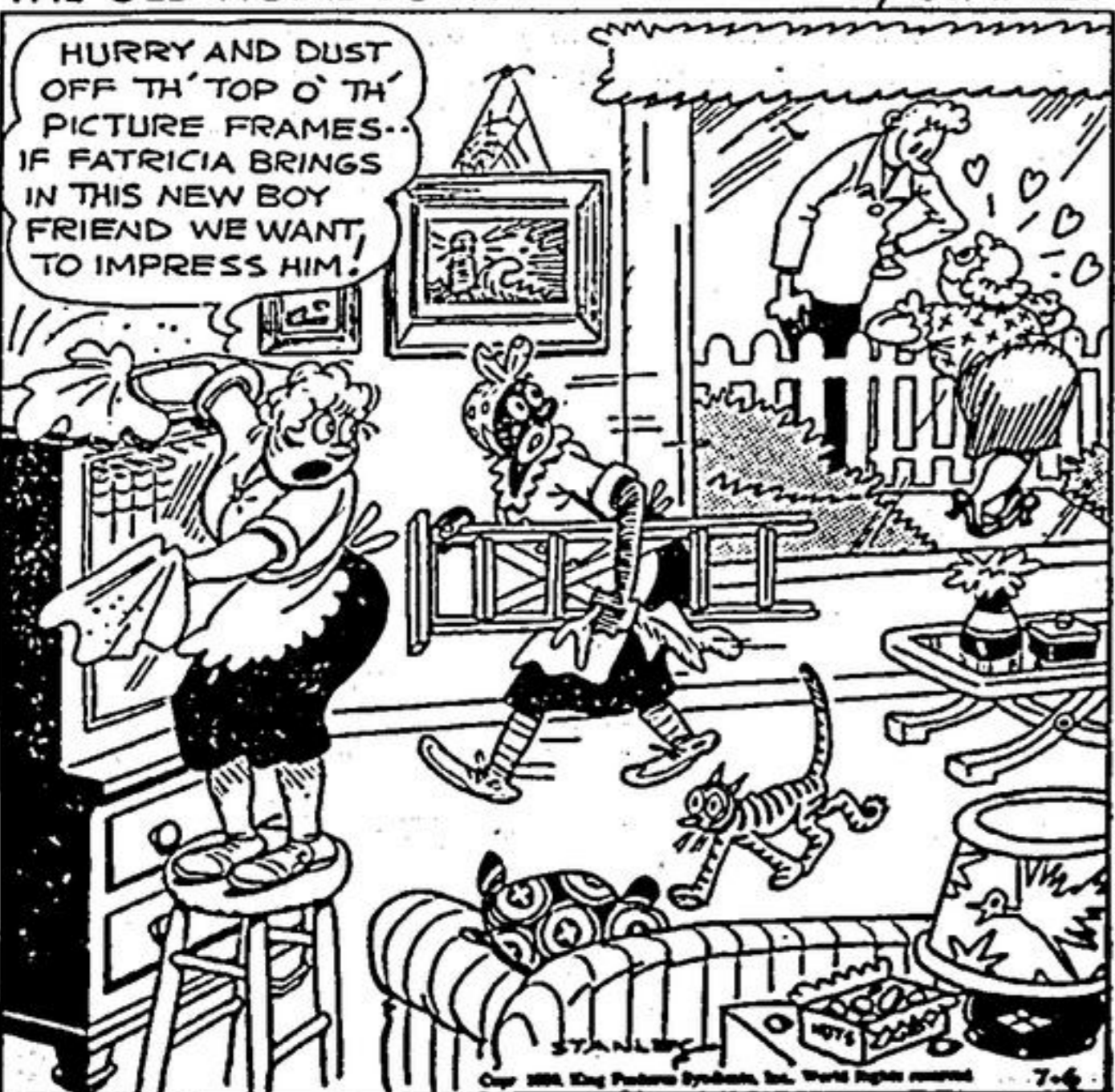
A friend of one of the workmen, congratulating him on the outcome of negotiations, was surprised to receive the reply, "Baloney!" The workman then went on to explain that four of the five dollars gained in the dispute would go to a new pension fund, leaving only one dollar a week more to come to the workman in wages.

That wasn't the worst of it, from his point of view. The five-dollar increase put him into a higher tax bracket than he'd been in before, so most of that extra dollar, if not all of it, would be eaten up by deduction for taxes and unemployment insurance.

Sure, the workman said, he knew he was five dollars a week better off, but try to explain to his wife why she shouldn't have more money for her weekly shopping. To keep peace in the family, he was letting her have three dollars more a week from now on. That meant that he had to make out with three dollars less for himself.

"Wage increase? Baloney!" he repeated. —Printed Word

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



FOR PARENTS ONLY



CAMP FOR YOUR CHILD

By Nancy Cleaver

"For once you have been a camper, something has come to stay. Deep in your heart forever, which nothing can take away; And Heaven can only be Heaven with a camp in which to play." From "To An Old Camper" by Mary S. Edgar.

Camps for boys and girls are part of our modern holiday life. In our land of lakes and rivers and woods, Canadians have a wonderful choice of camp sites for their young people. Thousands of youngsters every summer attend camp and thousands more urge their parents, "Do let me go to camp!"

There are many benefits from a child attending a good camp. This can be a very useful part in the education of a boy or girl. It is a real adventure to be away from home, far from the supervision of parents. The camper must learn to work and play happily with other campers and take direction from members of the camp staff.

Before agreeing to this expense and this separation from a son or daughter, parents want to be sure that the particular camp in question is in the hands of capable people. Is the director the kind of person who will look after your child's welfare? Are the counselors chosen carefully?

Is every precaution taken to prevent accidents, particularly during the swimming and boating hours? What about the standards of cleanliness and food provided? Are the meals well-balanced attractive and sufficient in quantity to satisfy hearty appetites? What about the camp program—is there good leadership for different interests and equipment for handicrafts, sports and other recreation? Where do the campers sleep, and is the tent or cabin and the bed all right? These are just a few of the many questions conscientious mothers want to ask.

One of the best ways to find out about a camp is to talk with campers and the parents of campers who attended camp the summer before. Are the campers enthusiastic about that camp? Were mother and dad satisfied with their investment in a holiday at camp for their youngster?

Camp opens many new doors. One of the most useful things which it accomplishes is that children

receive regular, expert instruction in swimming and in handling boats. The handicraft interest groups often initiate a boy or girl into a hobby which will be enjoyed for a long time.

In the campfire evening program, youngsters find a new delight in singing, in dramatics, in story telling and reading aloud. In the informal talks and discussion groups many campers stumble on new ideas. The democratic atmosphere of camp breaks down foolish religion and racial prejudices which many children acquire from thoughtless adults.

In terms of learning to stand on one's own feet and not be too dependent on home, in the ability to make friends, in the skills and ideas which are gained, camp pays big dividends. A week or longer living in the out-of-doors at camp gives a child, at a very impressionable age, a wonderful enjoyment of Nature—of the wild life in water and in the woods, of flowers and trees and stars.

Last but not least, during the camp period the parents and the child have a holiday from each other. Quite possibly they both need it! Without a doubt, after this separation, they will appreciate each other more. If at all possible, don't let summer pass without your child getting to camp!

EDITOR'S MAIL

1001 Donald Street,
Fort William, Ontario,
June 30, 1950.

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:

To identify ourselves with you, this Board represents the citizens of this district generally and is interested in all phases of natural resources development, among which are the forests of this district.

Every day in the newspapers we read of the desperate lumber shortage presently existing in Ontario. According to some reports, it is actually holding up urgently needed building and construction. To us in this district, this makes particularly galling reading because we have here in Fort William the largest sawmill in Ontario, namely, the Great Lakes Lumber and Shipping, Limited, closed down because no sawlogs have been made available to it, although many such grow on areas under concession to pulp and paper companies. In spite of many public statements by members of our government that logs will be provided, no concrete evidence of such provision is noticeable. This sawmill is capable of producing 100 million feet of lumber each year, which would represent a sizeable contribution to the present short lumber supply.

This particular company also owns twenty portable sawmills which could be put to work immediately to produce lumber within a few days, if only the necessary trees were made available to them. Unfortunately, all these trees and log timber, although belonging to the people of Ontario, are apparently under the control of a pulp and paper monopoly who are exercising a stranglehold on all standing timber belonging to the people of Ontario in this Province.

All this is set out in the Ontario Royal Commission Report on Forestry by Major-General Howard Kennedy, published in 1947 and carefully shelved ever since.

Could anything be more ridiculous—starvation in the midst of plenty? How much longer are the people of Ontario going to lie down under this vicious misuse of their natural resources by a single industry.

The entire economy of this whole district has been seriously hurt by the closing up of this particular sawmill, which was creating 7½ million dollars worth of wealth each year out of our timber resources. All the retail merchants in Fort William and Port Arthur have felt the loss of the purchasing power resulting from this operation. It has created a minor artificial recession in the business life of these communities during a period when all industries using forest material are booming. Surely such a fantastic situation, if brought to the knowledge of the real owners of these forests, the people of Ontario, would result in such an outcry that

Barbara Brent's BUYS AND WHYS



MONTREAL—Hot weather is no time to fuss 'n' fume with meal-getting inconveniences. That's why I'm so pleased to be able to tell you about this grand new DURHAM CORN STARCH package that's so easy to open and close! Just break the seal and inside you'll find "Durham" neatly protected in a paper bag. Then, when you've used as much as you need at the time, replace the top. It fits snugly — keeps out every last particle of dust and prevents any starch from spilling out! Wonderful Ann Adam recipes on the new Durham Corn Starch package, too!

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Do You Know what I consider the most precious gems of my cupboard? My homemade jams and jellies! The ruby red strawberry and raspberry jams and jellies, the deep rich amethyst grape, the garnet plum, all sparkling on my cupboard shelf, make me feel a regular miser. I can't resist putting up my favourites 'specially when Certo Fruit Pectin gives such sure results, and saves up to 2/3 the time it formerly took with the long boil method. With Certo, too, I can get up to 50% more jam or jelly from the same amount of fruit. Try CERTO FRUIT PECTIN when you're jamming and jellifying and see the wonderful results you get by following exactly the tested recipes on the booklet under the label of every Certo bottle.

Light 'n' Fluffy As A Summer Cloud—that's the way cakes should be! And I've proved to myself over and over again that SWANS DOWN CAKE FLOUR makes the lightest, fluffiest cakes in the world! That's because Swans Down is sifted over and over again until 27 times as fine as ordinary flour. And the wonderful results show in cakes like this—Banana Cake... (1 egg and 1 egg yolk)

2 cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
1 tspn. Calumet Baking Powder
1 tspn. baking soda
1/2 tspn. salt
1/2 cup butter or other shortening
Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, soda, salt, and sift together three times. Cream butter, add sugar gradually, cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs, beat well; then add bananas and beat again. Add flour to creamed mixture, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time; beat smooth after each addition. Add vanilla. Bake in two greased 8-inch layer pans in moderate oven (375 deg. F.) about 25 minutes. Spread vanilla frosting between layers and on top and sides of cake. Sprinkle with chopped nuts. Wonderful with fresh berries!

Just As You Like Them... I've discovered tea and coffee that are truly tops in taste... served hot or cold, as you like. Yes, there's an ideal of quality behind RED ROSE TEA AND COFFEE that's bound to make them good! I can tell you how very good Red Rose Tea is — but you can tell best by tasting it for yourself. From the first flavourful sip, it's obvious that Red Rose is good tea. And because it's quality tea, it actually gives more cups to the pound — its flavour goes a long, long way! Red Rose Coffee is as good as Red Rose Tea. Always fresh — always flavourful — once you've tasted this full-bodied coffee, you'll never be satisfied with any other!

Adds Pond to Pleasant Estate

Mr. Geo. W. Baker of Newmarket has been assisting his son-in-law, Harvey Houck, 6th con. of Markham near Cashel, erect a dam, providing a pond of water approx-

imately 40 feet wide and 40 rods long.

The dam has been built on the northeast side of the Houck farm home where the creek winds through a grove of lovely shade trees. The structure is built of cement, 30 feet wide and has a waste gate 14 feet.

even the influence of an industry such as the pulp and paper industry will pale beside the people's demand for an immediate correction of this situation.

Yours very truly,
Fort William Natural Resources Development Board,
Alf. Batters, Chairman.



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