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## NOTES and COMMENTS

### Bragging About Speed

Some people have some very odd ways of showing what good citizens they are in this onrushing world. They brag about how short a time it took them to drive from here to there.

It's about time these people realized that the rules of the road have a purpose: To save human lives.

Maybe you are a responsible driver. If so, don't encourage the recklessly-inclined by bragging about speed. Help those who are trying to promote safety on our streets and highways by respecting the law yourself.

### Council's Firm Stand Commendable

Stouffville Municipal Council is to be commended on the firm stand it has taken in the "big fight" to preserve our High School. Standing shoulder to shoulder with members of Whitechurch Council, the local municipal authorities have made it clear to our southern neighbors, repeatedly that they have no intention of giving up an educational home which has been built up through great effort and cost over a period of twenty years.

Anyone who would suggest the scrapping of our local institution in favour of promoting a new school in Markham, where school improvements were practically nil until the Area Board took over, is betraying the men who occupied council and school board seats here during the last quarter century. They had a vision of establishing modern secondary educational facilities here, and worked year by year, planning the financial steps so that they did not fall too onerous at any one time. Our present tax rate, and the arrangement of our meagre debenture debt, bears testimony to this careful planning. Now as the time nears for future school expansion sizeable yearly debenture payments are ending, making way for such costs as are necessary.

Stouffville's present council members are thoroughly fired with the necessity of maintaining our High School and feel a pride in helping to maintain and carry on that work of educational building begun by local Boards and Councils of some years back.

Stouffville now has a population of close to 1,700 persons and an assessment which next year may be closing in on the one million mark. It is unthinkable that a community of this size should be called upon to operate without a secondary school, or that anyone who considers this their home town should favor dealing the community such a crippling blow as to detach the High School.

### Canadian Dollar Freed

By withdrawing the peg on the Canadian dollar and allowing it to find its level in relation to the U.S. dollar by the operation of supply and demand, Ottawa has taken action necessitated by changed conditions which were exerting harmful inflationary influences on the Canadian economy.

Particularly in the last few months there has been an inrush of American funds to buy Canadian securities in anticipation of our dollar being returned to par. This speculative movement helped to boost our prices and increase our indebtedness to the United States.

Canada's official reserves of gold and U.S. dollars which stood at \$1,255,000,000 on June 30, rose to \$1,320,000,000 by July 31; to \$1,504,000,000 by August 31, and a preliminary estimate placed it at \$1,789,000,000 on September 30. As Finance Minister Abbott said in his statement on freeing of the dollar:

"There is no telling how much farther this movement might have gone, so long as the fixed rate of a 10-per-cent premium on U.S. dollars was maintained and people believed in the possibility or probability of an official change to another fixed rate such as parity of the Canadian dollar with the U.S. dollar."

It will be interesting to see to what level the Canadian dollar will rise and become fairly well stabilized. If the rise is appreciable it should cheapen goods bought from the United States and Britain, provided the importers pass along the savings. Freeing of the dollar may have a deflationary effect in the case of products sold to the United States, such as cattle, newsprint and lumber.

Canada's gold mining industry, which has found the going difficult during the inflationary period, would have taken a further beating with the rise in value of the Canadian dollar. However, the government will pay a subsidy of \$3.50 an ounce for all new gold produced at least for the balance of the year. This will make up for the loss if the Canadian dollar reaches par. Anything under par will mean additional returns to the gold mines.

### Dime Soft Drink

The Minister of Finance called his recent budget (small size) to help prevent prices from going higher. One feature was an increase in taxes on corporations. Since corporations produce most goods, and since taxes are a cost of doing business, all who produce goods must try to raise prices to recover their higher cost. In a few instances, the excessive tax may come out of dividends to shareholders, thus affecting adversely recipients of dividends who, if they are poor, already were spending as little as possible and, if they are rich, won't be affected anyway.

Another feature was to add a cent to soft drinks and candy. Many soft drinks traditionally have been sold at five cents. The bottlers already were in a squeeze, since the 1950 nickel is a shrunken and miserable caricature of the nickel of Mr. Abbott's school days. If the tax of one cent cuts sales (as it likely will) the loss of volume to bottlers will reduce the margin so much that the price is likely everywhere to go to seven or eight cents or the bottlers go to the poorhouse. Mr. Abbott, who likely was a good lawyer before he got into parliament, is bringing nearer the happy day of the dime soft drink.

A third feature of the budget is the measure to fix minimum terms for sales on the instalment and other credit plans. This is a good thing all around. It is good that dealers and finance companies will not lend too heavily and it is even better that buyers don't buy a new washing machine at least until they get the stove paid for. The catch is, however, that many a good lawyer believes the law is an encroachment on provincial rights. So maybe Mr. Duplessis, who is watchful in such matters, will bring about a contest to decide whether or not Ottawa can do it when there is no national "emergency."

Mr. Abbott says that the government itself will reduce its spending on things not related to rearmament. Good intentions are duly noted. Mr. Taxpayer, however, long has been married to a wildly extravagant wife — the government — and he'll be worried into his grave before she reforms to the extent of firing one hair-dresser, or one photographer in the film board. —Printed Word.

## FOR PARENTS ONLY

### CITIZENS-IN-THE-MAKING

(By Nancy Cleaver)

Even before a child starts to First Grade he is receiving indirect instruction on being a citizen. Johnny and Ann go on a picnic with Mother and Dad in the Community Park. When the meal is over, Johnny makes for the swings and Ann for the sand pile, but Dad calls, "Wait a minute, you two! Come and help Mother and me tidy up. Pick up the paper bags and serviettes. We want to leave this picnic spot tidy for the next people who come here." A little unwillingly son and daughter help in the clean-up, and Mother says, "That looks fine now. This is our park and we want to be proud of the way it looks."

Johnny and Ann are learning from this incident that along with the privilege of using a community park and picnic table and benches goes the responsibility of keeping it in good order. They are discovering that keeping the park isn't "their" job but "our" job because we have had the fun of using it.

When he gets older, Johnny is not so apt to join in with the stupid vandalism some youngsters delight in—breaking windows and destroying property. By the time he has reached his teens, Johnny understands that the repair bill for replacement of public property comes, not out of "their" pocket but out of our own tax money. Johnny's dad insisted when his boy broke a public library window playing ball, that he tell the chief librarian and pay for the new pane from his allowance and the money he earned. It was an accident—but broken windows have to be paid for by someone!

Good Citizenship training lies in many things. Parents should encourage their children to know all they can about their community, its chief buildings and industries, the places of interest in the district.

Last summer a U.S. tourist remarked about the information he had received from an eleven year old boy plus a hastily drawn map on the back of an envelope. "There's a boy who is a real asset to his community already. He is courteous and knows the answers to the very things a visitor is likely to ask. His folks should be proud of that young citizen in the-

making!"

Our tourist trade is of great importance to Canada's economy. If we parents were more aware of its value and of the part school age youngsters can play in giving visitors interesting information, we would work a little harder on training them to be good citizens in their particular field.

In the classroom children acquire a great mass of facts about their country, its place in the world, and in the Empire, its government and laws. But in how many homes where there are older boys and girls are these rights of Canadians ever discussed — free speech, the right of "habeas corpus" (which protects an individual from being held in prison a long time without a fair trial), the franchise, the freedom to worship as he chooses? What do the children gather about the attitude of mother and dad towards such duties as obeying the law, voting, paying taxes, holding office? When the time for filling income tax returns comes around, what does son learn about his dad as a citizen if he overhears him boasting to a friend how he "put one over on the government?"

We Canadians have a wonderful country, the third largest in the world, with an area of almost 3,500,000 square miles. Our scenery with its Rockies, prairies, mining and lumbering country and farming land is hard to match anywhere. Canada ranks with the greatest agricultural nations, the fourth largest producer and the largest exporter of wheat. Our forests cover 1,168,000 square miles, our rich mineral exports are known over all the world. Our fishing waters are extensive and very productive. But the job of raising men and women worthy of this fair land rests with mothers and fathers—and teachers. Let's make this citizenship really mean something to our boys and girls! As parents let's never forget the truth in Susan Coolidge's lines: "He serves his country 'best Who lives pure life and doeth righteous deeds, And walks straight paths, however others stray, And leaves his sons, an uttermost bequest, A stainless record, which all men may read." (copyright)

## DAYS OF YORE

From the Files of the Stouffville Tribune

### 55 YEARS AGO

Call and see W. H. Todd's new cutters and sleighs, the best stock in the county, at reasonable prices. Lyman Dougherty and John Baker were able to hold their own in the shooting at Unionville Monday.

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Almira—C. Gayman has been laid up with inflammation and we understand that his progress towards recovery is slow.

Come with the crowd to T. E. Perkins' — Daley's Block—Selling off and Selling out at prices startling to purchasers and staggering to merchants.

### 16 YEARS AGO

On Monday evening, Oct. 1st, about 140 or 150 people representing the four congregations of the Markham circuit met at the Menonite Parsonage, Mount Joy, as a farewell gathering for Rev. and Mrs. A. T. Gooding and family prior to their departure for Vineland, Ontario, their new field of labor. Shortly before the gathering broke up Mrs. S. N. Doner of Gormley read an address followed by the presentation of a dinner set to the departing pastor, his wife and family.

Messrs. Frank Rae, Hewson Millard, Howard Malloy, Lloyd Turner and George Millard of Newmarket motored as a party to Bradford on Monday for the annual fall fair there.

Altona—While digging potatoes on the holiday Mr. F. Wagg dug one which tipped the scales at 3 lbs. 4 ounces. Very good Mr. Wagg, that will do.

### 10 YEARS AGO

The Stouffville Creamery is installing an extensive cold storage plant for farmers, which will accommodate 350 individual lockers which farmers will be able to rent at a nominal fee.

Mrs. George Saunders, Mrs. G. Lee, Miss S. Stewart and Mrs. L. Turner are in Toronto attending the Women's Institute Rally.

Theatre Manager Marks 17th Year Here. Although a lot of water has flowed under the bridges of the town since Mr. Syd. Schmidt set foot in Stouffville, yet it is doubtful if many lines of endeavor have shown greater strides than the moving picture industry.

Starlings are still congregating in town with headquarters in the Freeland grove near Dr. Freeland's residence.

Happiness comes quicker when you're too busy raising children to look for it.

## Voice of Prophecy Bible Questions And Answers

Question—Does Christ have power to forgive sins the same as God has?

Answer—"The Son of man hath power upon earth to forgive sins." Luke 5:24.

Q.—How can a person get faith?  
A.—The source of faith is the Word of God. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God." Romans 10:17.  
Q.—Did people in Christ's time sing hymns?

A.—"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Matthew 26:30. (See Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16.)

Q.—What does the expression, "At that time shall Michael stand up" (Daniel 12:1) mean?

A.—The phrase "stand up" used in this way means to begin to reign. Look at Daniel 11:2: "There shall stand up yet three kings in Persia."

Q.—What does the Scripture say about Jesus between the age of twelve years and the time He started to preach?

A.—The Bible says: "And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them: but His mother kept all these sayings in her heart." Luke 2:51.

It always helps in hard and trying times to have everybody trying mighty hard.

Massachusetts is going to have rubber roads. They ought to help to stretch the mileage when the gas tank is low.

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