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## NOTES and COMMENTS

### That Awful Thing

Those of us who occasionally turn on our radios or wander into restaurants where juke boxes are tolerated cannot have missed the cement-mixer-like strains of a new song called "The Thing." As belatedly by a man named Phil Harris, this "The Thing" surely takes rank with all the great musical monstrosities of the past, songs like "The Music Goes Round," "The Hut Sut Song" and "Mairsy Doats."

We are told that the man who wrote "The Thing" is the same man who wrote "Good Night, Irene." Surely not. No man could possibly invent two such songs in a lifetime. Not even if he had a grudge against mankind. —Lethbridge Herald.

### Safety Rewarded

It is so unusual in these times to have costs reduced that the new schedule of automobile insurance rates makes pleasant reading for those who have tried to exercise utmost care in driving.

Those coming within the select-driver class will pay less for insurance coverage in the Oshawa district where we are located, because of lower loss statistics. The saving in most other parts of Ontario will be similar except in Windsor, Sarnia, Welland and Port Colborne where accident records are not so favorable and require an increased charge.

The select class is comprised of the owners of private passenger cars used chiefly for pleasure where there is no driver resident in the household or employed as chauffeur who is under 25 years of age.

It is pointed out that cars driven, even partially, by youthful drivers had over 30-per-cent higher insurance losses than cars in the select class.

It is quite in order that safe driving should be rewarded by special consideration. It will serve as an inducement for other drivers to get into the select class.

### Odd Wills

When a woman at Fisher Branch, Man., recently willed the main part of a \$5,000 estate to three animals — two dogs and a horse — she was following a custom that most people will think has developed only within the last generation, writes the Winnipeg Free Press.

The habit is much older than that. The Winnipeg paper refers to an article in the Manchester Guardian Weekly. It cites the will of a woman in England which in 1813 declared that:

"I do give to my beloved parrot an annuity of 200 guineas a year to be paid half-yearly. And I do also desire that 20 guineas may be paid directly on my death to be expended on a very high, long and large cage for the foresaid parrot."

In contrast with this benevolence toward a bird, the same article recalls a will in which a human beneficiary was brushed off with five shillings. This will was made by David Davis in 1788, and in reference to his daughter-in-law it said:

"I bequeath to Mary Davis the sum of five shillings, which is sufficient for her to get drunk at my expense for the last time."

### Remaking The Soil

Farmers can do things with their land which could not have been done formerly, with the best will in the world for improvement. There are some farms in the province of Quebec where they are plowing up the subsoil and mixing it with the topsoil, in order to give better texture to both.

Part of Champlain County has an unusual soil formation, with a shallow layer of sand lying over a bed of impervious clay. The sand has a low level of fertility at best, and the clay makes soil drainage difficult.

About 30 years ago there was some work done in the district, hauling clay from pits and mixing it with the sand. The mixture was plainly better than the original soil, but the procedure was too laborious to be economical.

Last fall a large outfit was taken into this area. Two diesel tractors with caterpillar treads and a huge plow, 20 feet long and weighing three and a half tons, plowed the land to a furrow depth of from one and a half to four feet deep and more than three feet wide.

The Quebec Department of Agriculture pays a small subsidy to encourage the undertaking. On a field treated this way as an experiment two years ago, a growth of clover is established for the first time in many years.

This method of handling a particular situation has only a local application. But the job could not have been handled that way without the use of the high-powered machinery. In the last few years we have heard a lot about clearing land of stumps and rock with bulldozers. This is a logical extension of power farming remaking the soil itself for better results.

# FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

## A CHILD'S SUCCESS AND FAILURE

"Tommy is a terrible little slowpoke. He dawdles and dawdles and no matter how often I speak to him he just won't hurry."

"Helen doesn't seem able to play happily with the children in our neighborhood. She will not take turns or share her playthings with other little girls. I am so ashamed of her when she snatches her doll from her little chums."

"John just won't keep clean. I dress him in fresh clothes every morning and every afternoon after he sleeps, and still he seems to be dirty all the time."

Have you listened to remarks like these? They are often made by parents who expect perfect behaviour of their children—sometimes far beyond the child's ability at the stage he is at. These "perfectionist parents" are more apt to be mothers than fathers and they are very hard to live with (both for the child and the other parent) because they create a discontented, upset family atmosphere. They would likely be surprised if they were told that it is a mistake for a parent to set up a standard of perfection for a child.

Children go through various stages of development. Habits of thumb sucking or dawdling are outgrown in time by most children. It takes time and patience for a little child to learn how to get along with other children, and share possessions happily. An active child is not naturally concerned about cleanliness, and a mother who expects her son to keep his hands and clothes clean while he plays is doomed to disappointment.

Sometimes a child does not experience success in simple endeavors because his mother is too eager to help him, too impatient to let him do things slowly and often imperfectly himself. The son or daughter of the too-dominant or too-efficient mother finds it hard to learn by trying one thing at a time, over and over again until mastery is gained.

A child needs encouragement in order to succeed in the formation of habits which are possible and desirable for him at his age. Praise is a great stimulus for successful effort. If provision is made for the basic needs of a child, he is likely to be successful in learning new ideas and skills and in developing a happy relationship with his playmates and older people.

Failure is part of life as well as success for a child as well as for an adult, and both young and old can learn from their mistakes if they are willing to do so. A child who accepts the fact that he cannot always be the winner in the game, that he will not always come first in his class, that he will not always succeed in what he attempts will not be crushed by disappointments and failures in later life. A good parent can help his boy who has attempted to build an airplane model which is of too intricate a design, by showing him where he has made mistakes, suggesting that he try a simpler plan and giving him sufficient direction to succeed in his second attempt. A good parent does not expect perfection in his child's behavior and helps his child learn from his mistakes.

## DAYS OF YORE

From the Files of The Stouffville Tribune

### 34 Years Ago

The firm of Todd & Cook incurred a big loss on Tuesday when fire broke out in their north store house, near the station, which contained a large quantity of wheat, corn, oats, wool, gluten meal, oil cake, charcoal, plaster and a new 20 horse power gasoline engine.

The cause of the fire is unknown but the probability seemed to be that the origin was a locomotive spark. The loss, about \$13,000, was divided. Todd & Cook suffered about \$10,000 on the building and contents except the wool, owned by Mr. Good, Toronto, valued at \$3,000. Glasgow—Mr. and Mrs. Elford of Islington, Mr. Walter O'Boyle of Perth and Mr. John O'Boyle of Toronto spent the holidays at Mr. D. O'Boyle's.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Klinck and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rowbotham and family, spent Christmas at Victoria Square.

Stouffville's newly elected council is: reeve, J. H. Ratcliff; councillors, Dr. W. A. Sangster, I. Reaman, A. Lehman and N. Rae. School trustees continue the same: Dr. D. C. Smith, S. N. Warriner and T. Holden.

### 15 Years Ago

The most extensive real estate transaction to be made in the Stouffville district for a long time was consummated last week when the Robt. Miller farm of 253 acres, situated in Whitechurch Township at Ringwood, was sold by the Robt. Miller estate to Mr. George Rodanz of Toronto, the owner of over 220 acres on the opposite side of the Whitechurch-Markham townline, paralleling his most recent purchase. The Willoughby Farm Agency negotiated the deal, while Mr. F. L. Bittton, K.C., is acting for the estate. The reported sale price is \$27,000 which includes the stock and implements estimated around \$3,500 if knocked down by auction; Carl Bowdway has acquired sole interest in the West End Garage, opposite the Mansion House.

A coroner's jury urged the erection of a wig-wag or a subway at the Langstaff crossing in the rider of its verdict following the inquest into the death of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miller of Stouffville, who were killed there on Nov. 24th.

### 5 Years Ago

Dr. E. B. Thomas, veterinary surgeon, engaged as a live stock inspector at the Stock Yards in Toronto, has just made the purchase of a building lot in Stouffville, and intends to erect a modern new residence in the west end on the 9th concession near the new home now going up for Mr. Alfred Thomas. Thus there will be two Thomas families on Harold Street but there is no relationship.

Cpl. Clare Bell is back from Overseas, and will shortly be found actively engaged with his father again in the implement business.

On Saturday this week Byer & Son will open their new modern equipped electric store next to the town clock.

The Gormley Quartette were guest singers in special services at Colborne last Sunday.

(Whitevale)—The bazaar sponsored by the Women's Association of the United Church realized over \$200. The bazaar was opened by Rev. John McLachlan.

(Church Hill)—Congratulations to Ivan McLaughlin on winning 1st prize in the 500 bushel potato club.

## Education Report

### Urges Revision Of Local Boards

Complete revision of present education authorities and local boards of education is recommended by the Hope Royal Commission in its report on Ontario education.

The commission recommends plebiscites be held at municipal elections throughout the province after new regional boundaries have been set up.

Voters would be asked to select one of three types of education authorities: A regional board of education of the urban type; a regional board of the rural type or an autonomous public school board and post-elementary school board for an area.

The commission reported it felt none of the three proposals is acceptable to the entire province. Different types would be selected by different regions. Each new authority carried different powers.

## Asks More Emphasis On Agriculture as Advocated in Stouffville

Increased emphasis on agriculture is urged by the Hope Royal Commission in its report on Ontario education. This is in line with the system for the Stouffville and Markham High Schools as advocated by a number of local citizens and some members of Stouffville Municipal Council. It is their belief that a system could be worked out satisfactorily where by the Stouffville School could specialize in the agricultural courses and Markham the business curriculum.

If farmers permit their practices to lag behind the technical knowledge available, the report states our national economy will be gravely affected. Agricultural education and practice are of fundamental importance.

The report recommends:

1. Part-time courses in agriculture be provided by local authorities for post-elementary education where there is a need.
2. The Education Department establish provincial agricultural institutes.
3. Consideration be given to a system of apprenticeship training in agriculture.
4. Co-operation of county representatives and teachers of agriculture be continued.
5. Agriculture become a major subject in secondary schools.
6. Specialized courses at the junior college level.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

Lesson for Dec. 31  
 Golden Text.—One thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.—Phil. 3:13, 14

### THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

**Approach to the Lesson**  
 Fellowship is far more than mere companionship. It involves a personal intimacy brought about by taking time to really know one another and to share common thoughts. We who are already saved grow in grace and in the knowledge of Christ as we hear Him speaking to us through His Word, and as our hearts go out to Him in earnest prayer. In Christ we see God fully manifested, and in the Word Christ Himself is made known to us. Fellowship and communion are synonymous terms. The Holy Spirit, who indwells all believers, enables us to appreciate and understand the Word of God (John 16:13, 14), and He is the power for prayer (Jude 20). He delights to occupy our hearts with Christ. Another synonymous expression for "fellowship with Christ" is "abiding in Christ." We abide in Him as we obey His Word (John 15:7). A Christian can have no higher privilege on earth than to abide in the unbroken communion of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 13:14). When He is ungrudged by any inconsistency in our lives, He is free to do His special work of making the things of Christ real to our hearts, and stirring us up to ever-increasing love and devotion to our Lord.

These are two links that bind the Christian to Christ, namely, union and communion. The link of union is so strong that, once formed, no power on earth or in hell can break it (John 10:25-30; Rom. 8:35-39). The link of communion is so fragile that the least disobedience to the will of God will snap it instantly, and it can only be reformed by self-judgment and confession (1 John 1:6-9). As we live in fellowship with Christ, we bring forth fruit to the glory of God. A Christian "out of communion with the Lord is, to a large extent, a cumber of the ground. As the heart is occupied with Christ, we grow in His likeness and others will see Him reflected in us (Acts 4:13).

**The Historical Setting**  
 The parable of the vine and the branches was spoken by our Lord as He and His disciples were on their way from the upper room, where they had partaken of the Last Supper, to the Garden of Gethsemane. In the third chapter of the Epistle to the Philippians, which was written by Paul during his Roman imprisonment, he contrasts his religion before he saw the risen Christ with the blessed experience upon which he entered when Christ became the all-absorbing passion of his soul.

**Verse by Verse**  
 John 15:1.—"I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman." In studying this parable we should bear in mind that the theme is fellowship and fruit-bearing, not simply life, as some have thought. Of old, Israel was God's vine, planted in Palestine to bear fruit for Himself (Psa. 80:8; Isa. 5:1-7). However, Israel failed to glorify God and had to be set aside (Hos. 10:1). Now Christ and those who are associated with Him have taken the place of testimony in the earth, under the nurturing care of the Father, to bring forth fruit unto God.

**Verse 2**—"Every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth." Fruitless lives indicate broken communion; fruitfulness results from fellowship. Wherever fruit is found, the Father purges—as the winemaker prunes and sprays—in order that there may be more fruit.

**Verse 3**—"Clean through the word." It is the Word itself that cleanses us, that our fruit for God may be increased.  
**Verse 4**—"Abide in me, and I in you." There can only be fruit as we live in fellowship with Christ. We need to remember that fruit is something more than service, although intimately connected with it (Rom. 1:13). The fruit of the Spirit will be produced as we walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:22, 23).

**Verse 5**—"Without me ye can do nothing." Self-effort is of no avail; it is only as we abide in Christ that fruit is produced.

**Phil. 3:8**—"All things but loss—that I may win Christ." Paul had given up all for Christ when first converted. Never for one moment did he go back on the great renunciation he had made when first won for that exalted Jesus, whom he had ignorantly persecuted. He still counted all that earth could offer as dross and refuse as compared to Christ's surpassing glory, which was the one great object ever before him.

**Verse 9**—"Not having mine own righteousness, but... the righteousness which is of God." He who once trusted and gloried in his own fancied righteousness has now found a perfect righteousness in Christ, which has led him to renounce every other ground of confidence.

**Verse 10**—"That I may know Him... and the fellowship of His sufferings." To know Christ intimately was Paul's great desire; he

## Ottawa To Issue

### \$1.00 Stamp Honoring Fish Resources

A new stamp issue is planned by the Post Office Department to give recognition to Canada's commercial fisheries resources.

Postmaster General Rinfret said last week that the stamp will be issued Feb. 1. It will be a \$1 postage stamp.

The central subject of the stamp depicts a typical fisherman hauling in his net in an open boat. This subject is surrounded by a wide border with a fishnet background upon which are illustrated 16 varieties of fisheries products that are important in Canada's economy. The stamp will be green in color.

The Post Office Department has arranged to service first-day covers for collectors from Ottawa Feb. 1. Because of the value of the stamp, the department will not charge for putting new stamps on self-addressed envelopes sent here by collectors. The only charge will be for the postage.

### PUP, PILLS, POWDER LEFT ON DOORSTEP

Curly, a four-month-old mongrel puppy, arrived at the Winnipeg pound last week with his brush, some pills, a bone, dog soap, flea powder—and his biography.

The well-equipped walf had been left on the doorstep by an anonymous girl whose note explained that he couldn't be kept anymore because he would be all alone. The "biography" went on to ask that a good home be found for the pup and added:

"Curly was born on the night of our 1950 summer storm in August. He is a house-broken dog. Has been wormed three times. Has a bath about once a month.

"When times comes for punishing, do not kick him. Use a rolled-up magazine or paper."

It listed his diet with the notation: "Sometimes he eats always." "This dog like to be tickled on his stomach," was another injunction.

### IMPROPERLY DRESSED TREATMENT REFUSED

The Middlesex health centre fined a National health plan dentist two pounds (\$5.00) for refusing to treat a man with a toothache because the patient wasn't wearing a necktie.

would experience the power of the Holy Spirit in resurrection life and count it a privilege to share Christ's rejection by the world and so enter into the fellowship of His sufferings. "Being made conformable unto his death"—that is, dying daily to every selfish impulse and gladly enduring all kinds of afflictions, that Christ might be magnified in him.

**Verse 11**—"I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead." Literally, it is the "out resurrection from among the dead" that is, the first resurrection, which takes place at Christ's return (Rev. 20:6; 1 Thess. 4:16). No matter what kind of death he might be called to undergo, Paul could look forward to the resurrection of the just as the final goal.

**Verse 12**—"I follow after." Not yet had he reached the acme of Christian experience, but he followed on in faith, seeking to enter more fully into that which God desired him to be.

**Verse 13**—"This one thing I do." For him, fellowship with Christ involved forgetting the past and striving ever for a deeper acquaintance with his Lord.

**Verse 14**—"I press toward the mark." He was like a man climbing a mountain, with the peak always before him, never satisfied until he attained the summit, which was for him complete conformity to Christ.

**Verse 15**—"As many as be perfect," that is, mature in Christian experience.

**Verse 16**—"Let us walk by the same rule." So far as we have been enlightened regarding the truth, we are called upon to share these precious things with one another, assured that as we thus enjoy fellowship together, the Spirit of God will lead us on into fuller understanding of divine realities.

### The Heart of the Lesson

We can enjoy fellowship with Christ only as we obey His Word. While all believers have been called into the fellowship of God's Son (1 Cor. 1:9), which is another name for membership in the body of Christ, it is only obedient Christians who have fellowship with the Father and the Son in a practical way (1 John 1:3). This is a priceless privilege, which we should cherish above all else. The possession of eternal life enables us to enjoy it; apart from this we cannot know the Father and the Son (John 17:3). Into this circle of divine favor we have been called by the grace of God. Surely we should value so glorious a privilege and, by abiding in Christ, grow in His likeness and bring forth fruit unto God.

## BARBED WIRE WREATH

### REMINDER TO STALIN

A West Berlin anti-Communist organization called the "Fighting Group Against Inhumanity" sent Joseph Stalin a present for his 71st birthday, Dec. 21. It was a wreath

made of barbed wire. "We want to remind him," a member said, "that there still are many German prisoners behind Russian barbed wire."

Oology is the study of the science of birds' eggs.

## THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY

—IT WAS LIKE THIS—THE PRELIMINARY FIGHT WAS HALF THROUGH-- IT WAS DUGAN'S ROUND AND HE WOULD'NT PAY-- THEN WE WENT RIGHT INTO THE MAIN EVENT OF THE EVENING



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