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NOTES and COMMENTS

Second Successful Horse Show

Stouffville's second annual horse show has come and gone and again was favoured with success in turnout, spectacle and weather. Appreciation must go to Dr. Neil Smith, Bill Clark and the hard-working committee who so successfully put this event over for a second year, under the sponsorship of the local Legion headed this year by William Malloy. Other members of the committee were, Dr. S. S. Ball, and Mrs. Alex Herbinson.

Between two and three hundred more people attended this year's show than last and the entry list too was greater.

It is not beyond the imagination of many that this affair may some day develop into a full-fledged annual fair as is held in so many other neighboring communities. Stouffville Memorial Park has much undeveloped land south of the old rink site and the possibility is there.

Those Disappearing Thermometers

It is within the memory of most of us when practically every business establishment on Main St. had a thermometer of one kind or another hanging outside its entrance. Those days seem to be past as far as Stouffville is concerned and now, when the temperature rises or falls at an alarming rate, it is necessary to conduct quite a search for one of these outdoor thermometers to find out the day's reading. Never was the dearth of thermometers more noticeable than during the recent heat wave. There was only one business place on Main St. which provided passersby with the correct temperature.

For the most part these outdoor thermometers were used for advertising purposes and, judging by present day conditions in Stouffville, the opportunity is ripe for a new drive on this form of outdoor advertising.

Be Sure Car In Good Shape

The summer driving season is coming up, if it is not already at hand. Generally speaking it means a difference in motor driving practices.

Through the winter, driving of motor vehicles has been largely on a business basis and much of the traffic has been exclusive to the city streets where the intersections, the stop and go lights and conditions generally create the necessity for moderate speed and constant care.

The call of the summer is for the long road trips, largely for pleasure, and, as the open roads constitute also an invitation to speed, there comes a new and additional need for vigilance and care. This is not by any means confined to actual driving. It includes what is probably equally as important, the condition of the car.

It is also to be remembered that, often, on these long trips the driver may be far from a service station. It follows that the car should be in first class condition in all respects, as regards brakes, the motor, oil, supplies and tires. This is the season above all others when owners and drivers should have the expert attention of the service garages in order that they may have maximum protection for use of both city and rural roads.

Beware Of Poison Ivy

With the summer holiday season nearly here and people frequenting bathing beaches, it is well to heed the annual warning to beware of poison ivy. Only recently a local lady is believed to have received a bad attack from brushing against a bush on Mill St. here in town. The local weed inspector has since been sent to eradicate the menace. In order that everyone should be able to avoid contact with the weed all should be able to recognize it.

Poison ivy is most commonly found growing in fence rows, roadsides, around bathing beaches and playgrounds and in locations where cultivation is next to impossible. In such locations one finds several forms of poison ivy. One type creeps along the ground, another grows 1 1/2 to 2 feet high and a third is the climber, which is found growing over fences and trees. All types are easily recognized by their leaves, which grow in groups of three at the top of the stem. These leaves are usually shiny or waxy on the top surface. Small greenish-yellow flowers develop in the axils of the leaves and these are followed by pale gray seeds which stay on the plant over the winter. In the fall, the leaves turn a brilliant orange or scarlet.

Poison ivy is easily destroyed where cultivation is possible, but it is seldom found in such places, but even in the more difficult locations, it can be grubbed out with a heavy hoe or other digging implement.

Weed killers 2-4-D and 2-4-5-T will give good control, but several applications will be necessary to completely eradicate the weed. For large areas, the recommended dosage is 2 pounds of acid per acre. However, for small patches, 2 1/2 ounces of 2-4-5-T in 10 gallons of water will give effective control. After treatment, the area should be watched for new growth. If new plants start up, further applications can be given, and the poison ivy will eventually be eradicated.

Past experience has shown control of poison ivy can only be brought about by persistent treatment, and all effort put forth to control and eradicate this menace is certainly well worth while.

People Are Consumers

Recently a printers' union asked the Ottawa government not to let any immigrant printers into Canada unless the union said so. If the members of the printers' union were native Indians or Eskimos there might be more logic in this idea. But most Canadians are either immigrants or descendants of immigrants. Who are Canadians to argue against letting in more of their own kind?

The Indians lost the continent and, indeed, the hemisphere, because they were poor and few. Canada is not very rich, even yet, and Canadians are so few that a well-organized invasion and pre-emption is not beyond the bounds of possibility.

Canada's immigration policy is unwisely restricted because this broad country needs people — more people of all classes, occupations and skills, with willingness to work. While one hears of unemployment in some industries, the fact is there still is need for workers. House-building is slower this year than last, but a carpenter to fix a fence or veranda is hard to come by. Are they all living on the unemployment insurance that was increased the other day? — Printed Word.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

INVISIBLE ARMOUR
or
BUILD SELF-CONFIDENCE

"Why can't you get on the ball team, Bill? When I was your age I was pitching for our school's first team every game."

"Marion, I'm sorry you tried to give your hair a home permanent! It is quite neat braided and you've only made your head look queer!"
"Your older brother was always near the top of his class! John, why are you always trailing along near the bottom? If you would only work hard like he did, you might get some where with your studies."

The three parents who made these remarks would be very much annoyed if anyone accused them of destroying their child's self-confidence. They certainly don't want to do that! But they have been so eager for their child to play on a team, or look attractive, or excel at school that they have forgotten their responsibility for building their child's self-confidence.

Self-esteem is important for the happiness and success of any child as well as any grown-up. We all need that inner glow of self-assurance which accompanies it. Quiet poise of manner springs from a person's conviction of his own worth.

This essential character trait is easily hurt, or even destroyed. Bill's dad was damaging his boy's self-confidence by making an unflattering comparison with his own boyhood prowess. Marion's mother was harming her child by criticizing Marion's efforts at hair-dressing, and of all things, suggesting her adolescent daughter looked "queer"! John's parent reproached the poor boy for his school standing by reminding him of his older brother's brilliant record. What surer ways can be found than these of pulling a child down — instead of — building him up?

There are other thoughtless techniques for dissolving a child's self-assurance such as too much protection as well as too much direction. A home atmosphere which is constantly tense and worried does not send well-poised children out into the world.

A child should not be allowed to withdraw from a situation which he should face, or leave a task unfinished which should be done. If a parent shuts his eyes, the child will not face a similar situation or complete the same kind of task with self-reliance the next time he meets them. The greatest stimulus to the growth of confidence is the personal satisfaction which follows an obstacle met and successfully overcome.

A parent should not substitute the desire for praise from mother or dad, for the child's own judgment that his action has been praiseworthy, whether or not anyone else thinks so. Encouragement is always welcome, and praise if it is sincere and deserved should be given to a boy or girl. But a child should not be trained to think that his goal is the commendation of his parents. Real achievement brings its own reward.

Thus it is the wise parent who from the child's earliest years, provides him with simple tasks he can do, and easy problems he can solve. As his knowledge and skill grow, he should be confronted with jobs and situations which demand more of him. At the same time, the child should not be tested with something which is so beyond his powers that repeated failure will only bring discouragement.

A boy or girl needs an immediate goal. Parents forget their own public school days when they expect their child to save for a college education! At this stage a youngster is more apt to set aside a small amount for a definite purpose, like saving for a bicycle he can ride in a few months' time.

Mothers who measure their children's height know how they vary in their growth. All children are different in their inner development too. A mother can help her child who lacks self-confidence by showing him that she loves him and accepts him as he is. He may be very poor at reading, but look how smart he is in arithmetic! He may be quite dumb at throwing a ball but he certainly can roller-skate better than any other child in the block! He may benefit from extra help in places where he is weak, but his parents will not nag at him or make unfavourable comparisons.

Self-confidence is a sort of invisible armour which a child wears which repels the darts of an unfriendly or a hostile world. Dryden said truly: "They can conquer who believe they can." Have you given your child this self-protection which he needs now and which stands him in good stead in his adventures to-morrow as an adult?

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ATHA NEWS

(Thursday, July 3)

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Williams and daughter of Stouffville and Mrs. Edith Marshman of Claremont visited friends and relatives at Goderich over the weekend.

Another thing healthy about breathing through the nose is that it helps you to keep your mouth shut.

DAYS of YORE

From the Files of the Tribune
26-Years Ago

Mr. F. L. Button has our thanks for the very tangible evidence that his "fish stories" are genuine concerning his splendid luck in the wilds of Haliburton for several days this week. The party of fishermen included the local dispenser of the law, also his father, Mr. John Button, and Messrs. E. A. Button, Sam Armstrong and Reg and Johnnie Button. The party spent several days on the lakes and encountered considerable rough weather, but this didn't deter them bringing home a good catch of speckled beauties with which they remembered many of their friends in a handsome way.

Despite the fact that rain marred the Almira Bowling Tournament held on the Stouffville green, no less than twenty rinks enjoyed the keen competition for the various prizes. The winners of first prize and thereby recipients of valuable auto rugs each were composed of Messrs. A. C. Burkholder, Ben Dote, A. Lehman and Dennis Baker. Winners of second (wool sweaters) were W. R. Sanders, Dr. Neil Smith, Reg Button and Milt Storey.

The most severe hail storm to pass over Stouffville for years visited the immediate locality on Saturday afternoon. In spots the ground was fairly white with hail as large as beans and gardens received a severe drubbing. The hail was accompanied by thunder and lightning and considering the fierceness of the storm and the closeness of the electrical flashes, the town and its inhabitants came off lucky in there being no serious damage done.

The new Stouffville Post Office officially opened on Monday evening by the reception of the evening mail and its distribution from the new building.

A mother pig belonging to Mr. Alfred Pugh gave birth to a litter of eighteen last week. Although all the young ones are not alive it nevertheless establishes a record.

A fishing party composed of Messrs. Frank Stiver, Del Holden, Harvey Baker and Hugh Boyd returned on Saturday from a few days' fishing in the lakes of Haliburton.

A woman at Ringwood hates men so much that she will not even have a mail box in front of her home.

A grub or some other form of insect is destroying the cabbage crop this season, some local growers reporting the loss of thousands of plants. So far the local gardeners have not found anything that will adequately cope with the trouble although different solutions have been tried out.

The local strawberry crop is on in full force and it is likely to be good for a couple of weeks. In the store last week local berries, fine quality retailed 28c per quart box, but the prices are easier this week.

16 Years Ago

The Markham Fair Board is completing a cement floor in the mammoth main building which is used as a skating and hockey arena in the winter season. With the new floor it is intended to utilize the place as a dance hall during the summer time and thus expand the means of making money from the building.

We have had so much cold weather and very cool nights that one scarcely realizes that the heat of the summer is right on. Only a few nights ago frost nipped a potato patch near Baliantrae, and

10-year Farm Machine Value Set at \$2 Billion

The machine took Canada's farms by storm in the last 10 years with an expansion in numbers of trucks, combines and tractors boosting the 1931 value of machinery and equipment on farms to an all-time high of almost \$2,000,000,000.

This was more than triple the \$600,000,000 worth of farm machinery shown in the 1941 census and more than 17 times greater than the \$108,000,000 worth at the turn of the century, the Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday.

Prices have increased during that time, but the bureau, reporting on the 1951 farm-machinery census, noted that the farmer is turning more and more away from old Dobbin to plow his fields and market his harvest.

The farmers' use of tractors in the last decade jumped 150 per cent to almost 400,000 from 160,000. Use of trucks climbed 153 per cent to 196,000 from 77,500. Grain combine use, particularly out west, jumped 376 per cent to 90,500 from 19,000.

Electrification also showed a spectacular advance, with the number of electric motors on farms climbing 238 per cent to 196,681 from 58,192.

Saskatchewan led all other provinces in the trend towards mechanization. Value of machinery and equipment on its farms climbed 368 per cent to \$525,600,000 from \$142,700,000.

Ontario rode into second place with \$445,278,000 — a 296-per-cent advance from \$150,359,000.

ALTONA

(Thursday, July 3)

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hughes of Toronto called at the Pallister home on Tuesday and had tea there.

Provincial and municipal net expenditures in 1950 in Canada exceeded \$1,500,000,000.

Canadians, in the first quarter of 1952, are chewing less gum than a year ago. They're not eating so much candy either.

Canada is one of the few countries in the world which has standard gauge railroads across the country.

several other nights it has been perilously near the freezing mark.

Jim Barry is making good progress toward recovery after being confined in the Brierbush Hospital for ten days suffering from a badly bruised body and partial paralysis when tramped on and otherwise injured by a team of horses.

Clerk Charles Hoover of Markham Township reported at the last meeting of council that unpaid taxes in July totalled \$32,843.

Fire starting from the coal oil stove broke out in the home of Mr. Harry Klinck the other morning, and came within an ace of bursting into a serious blaze.

Hodgins west end grocery has installed a modern meat counter with cooling facilities making a combination display case, electric refrigerator and a bottom cupboard for storage of soft drinks.

Unless rain comes soon the turnip crop will be a washout for most growers. Acres of the roots have never come up at all, and at best a very short crop is possible.

The members of the Park Commission are giving added thought to the construction of a swimming pool at Memorial Park.

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