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NOTES and COMMENTS

Special Issue Appreciated

The Tribune has received a host of complimentary notes and expressions on the special 22-page issue turned out last week, the largest on record. The publication was one of the few references of a historical nature in evidence during the celebration along with the several merchants who gave window displays and some of the floats during the parade.

The special issue formed something of the "opening gun" for the celebration, and many copies have been secured to send to friends and relatives, friends of Stouffville, who could not be on hand for the special occasion.

The Tribune is pleased to have been able to bring to its readers the historical sketch of Stouffville's municipal background and appreciates the appreciative words passed on to the publishers.

Farm Labor

Two handicaps confront a farmer seeking workers: First, he can't always pay industrial rates for labor; secondly, farming is hard physical exertion and the average able-bodied man is likely to take something else if he can get it.

Those are the principal reasons that the New Brunswick agricultural scene is so labor-hungry, despite the fact that there are about 10,000 registered unemployed in the province.

Immigrants might be the solution if they could be brought over from Europe, but the fact remains that many new settlers are no more anxious than native Canadians to work as agricultural hands and regard the farm only as a quick stepping-stone to something more gainful.

—Saint John Telegraph-Journal

Security Found in Wanted Skills

I talked with a farmer who still works his own farm, though he is well beyond the age at which some men retire.

He finds the work rather heavy, but he keeps at it, and when someone offered to buy his land for cash sufficient to pay for an annuity that would enable him to enjoy a well earned rest during his remaining years, he replied that he couldn't see much fun in rest as a full time occupation. He preferred to rest when he was tired and go to work again when he felt like it.

But this is not his only reason for continuing to work. He is working for security—his own security in his old age.

When I asked him what better security he could want than an annuity guaranteed by a dependable company or by the government, he asked me where I had been in the last ten years. Didn't I know that the Canadian dollar had lost half its value during that time, and was there any assurance that the other half would not be lost in the next ten years?

"Dollars," he said, "are no security when they no longer represent real value."

"The best security a man can have in a disturbed world is the skill to render some service for which mankind will pay, and the only way to retain that skill is to continue using it day by day."

"For that reason I work and I hope to be able to work as long as I am here."

Farm Wealth of Ontario

In spite of the great development of industrial and mining activity in Ontario, the major factor in the wealth of the province is still the natural result of its having for many years been devoted to general agriculture, better known as mixed farming.

The average Ontario farmer combines the growing of grains, roots and grasses; the raising and feeding of livestock; the production of milk for the dairy, the cheese factory or the creamery, or for the city market and the cultivation of a few acres for fruit growing. He converts a large portion of his grain, root and fodder crops into livestock and animal products—beef, bacon, poultry, eggs and the various dairy foods.

From these sources the farmers obtain nice cash returns, and under this system of farming the productivity of the soil is maintained and the prosperity of agriculture is prolonged. Since old Ontario can successfully demonstrate the benefits to be derived from diversified agriculture, the lesson should soon be learned by new settlers who take up virgin soil in the more recently-settled parts of the province.

It is significant that Ontario's farm wealth, great as it is, comes from less than 14 million acres of land now under cultivation. This means that above seven per cent of the land area of the province is now producing as operated farmland. There is still available, in the clay belts of Northern Ontario, much more land than all the cultivated land in the entire province at the present time. Therefore, when we speak of the natural wealth of Ontario, we should not overlook the fact that its main roots are to be found in the rich agricultural soil with which the province is blessed.

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FOR PARENTS ONLY

"SEND ME TO CAMP" or "WHAT ABOUT CAMP"

By Nancy Cleaver

"You may think, my dear, when you grow quite old, you have left camp days behind. But I know the scent of wool-smoke. Will always call to mind Little fires at twilight And trails you used to find."

Mary S. Edgar in "To An Old Camper"

There is magic about camp which casts a spell over boys and girls which they remember all their lives. Their loyalty to camp is deep. Camping can be a wonderful experience for them. Enthusiasm about camping is very contagious. Many a youngster, as summer approaches, pleads with parents—"Do send me to camp this holiday!"

But there are certain questions which mothers and fathers want to ask about any camp before they entrust their child to its care. Parents investigate a camp's record most easily by making inquiries from parents of campers of recent years. They can also tell a great deal about a camp from the personality of the director and the maturity and type of counsellors employed. Perhaps this measuring stick in evaluating the suitability of a camp in question form will be useful to you in selecting a particular camp for your boy or girl.

The first question is "Will camp be a safe place for my child?" As a parent you want to know that a camp has an excellent health and safety rating. Is the food nourishing and is adequate provision for rest made? You want to be sure that the camp's record for the past seasons has been free from a serious accident on land or in the water. You will also discover the camp's regulations for an outbreak of polio or any other disease.

Is the Camp Director and are the counsellors the kind of people with whom I can entrust my child? You want to have no misgivings about the integrity, the training, and the suitability of the personnel of the camp staff. Are there enough counsellors for the number of campers? Are these counsellors keen about their job and fitted for their responsible positions?

Will my child learn more about getting along happily with other youngsters at camp? Is another question you will want to ask. Camp can be a wonderful experience in democratic living. The Council Hour can give a child a fine introduction into thinking not just of his own wishes, but of the desires of the camp as a unit. A canoe trip, an over-night hike, a camp craft project, a "learning" setting. Under the wise direction of an able counsellor, campers plan and carry out an activity where each camper must take turns and carry his own load.

Is it likely that my child will discover a new hobby at camp? This is still another question to which you want a satisfactory answer. You want to know whether there is a fairly good chance that your child will come home from camp full of enthusiasm for a fresh hobby—and with sufficient skill to continue his new interest by himself.

Will my child learn more about campercraft and nature lore? You will be particularly keen about your child learning to live comfortably out of doors. Building of fires safely and well, hiking, cooking out of doors, are all taught through activities in a good camp. Nature lore includes adventuring into any field—birds, flowers, trees, animals of the woods. A camp might as well be in the middle of a large city as a lake's edge among the trees if nature lore is not an integral part of the day's program.

Last, but not least, most parents want to know: Will my child learn to swim or make progress as a swimmer and diver and become more proficient handling boats? Boys and girls, most of them, are very keen to excel in water sports. But mothers and fathers want to be reassured that as well as being careful about safety rules, the campers receive competent instruction. Swimming usually is one of the most outstanding and satisfying experiences of the camp day. Boating runs a close second.

Camp—any good camp—is a marvellous investment! It pays big dividends in health, in growth, in skills and character. If at all possible, do plan to send your child to camp this summer! There is no finer way to spend the baby bonus! The years when he longs to go to camp pass so quickly and there is no good substitute for a creative, satisfying camp experience! (Copyright)

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In Bygone Days

From the Files of the Tribune 26 Years Ago

A petition has been drafted and will be circulated almost at once for a new mail route from Stouffville up into Whitchurch Township serving the 7th and 8th concessions as far north as Ballantrae. The eight Stouffville applicants for the position of postmaster here were requested to appear at the post office on Friday morning last week.

Work on the road between Stouffville and Ringwood is to start this month. The road will be a water-bound macadam top, and will be widened to eighteen feet.

The largest crowd that had been in town on a Saturday night this summer was here last week, caused partially by reason of the holiday.

Civic Holiday was very quietly kept in Stouffville. The weather was ideal for motoring. Many took to the roads while others preferred the cool shades of their own home. The band, the baseball girls and a large following took in the Lennox picnic.

Only a small amount of produce came into the Stouffville market on Thursday last week. Prices were steady. Eggs sold at 26 and 18 cents per dozen and butter at 28c per pound.

Despite the warning often heard that mail couriers are underpaid there are plenty of men ready to undertake the work at a still smaller pay. Rural route No. 2 Markham was advertised for tender and Arthur Fry was the successful tenderer at around \$525.

Although the school board is demanding \$500 additional money from the council this year the town fathers were able to strike the tax rate on Friday evening at the same figure as last year, namely 30 mills on the dollar.

The Overland Whippet sold by W. H. Todd will go over 1000 miles on a gallon of oil. It will travel 55 miles an hour in perfect comfort, pick-up in 13 seconds from 5 to 30 miles an hour and will also go 35 miles to the gallon of gasoline. It is Canada's first high-speed European-type light car.

Stouffville Girls' Softball team defeated a like aggregation from Newmarket last Friday in the Memorial Park grounds here. The game was a poor exhibition for the fans to watch with the visitors being able to round the bases on only four occasions. The Stouffville lineup: p. Rena Hare; c. Blanche Slack; 1st, Eleanor White; 2nd, Marjorie Hodgins; 3rd, Nora Tarr; ss, Helen Thorn; outfield, Mildred Tarr, Vida Gowland and Ivy Saunders.

Stouffville are winners of the York-Simcoe baseball league, and expect to enter the semi-finals next week. It is expected that Sutton will be the first team for the locals to play.

Although Stouffville has no "Coons" among its inhabitants it surely has some "Coon" instinct when one store disposes of no less than sixty-five watermelons in two days. Such was the record established at the Dominion Store last week, according to Manager Paul Boudway. Of course they were sold at specially low prices, many of them going to the cottagers at the lake.

There's nothing to beat those rural telephone lines for service. Just give one ring and you get half the people in the township.

The lice nuisance throughout the province which is destroying the turnip crop is infesting the local fields and complaints are to hand that many local farmers will lose their entire crop.

20 Years Ago

A large acreage of tomatoes have been planted for the Claremont canning factory. The price we understand is to be 25c per bushel this season.

A number of fruit growers in the Pickering district did not pick their fruit this summer owing to the low price.

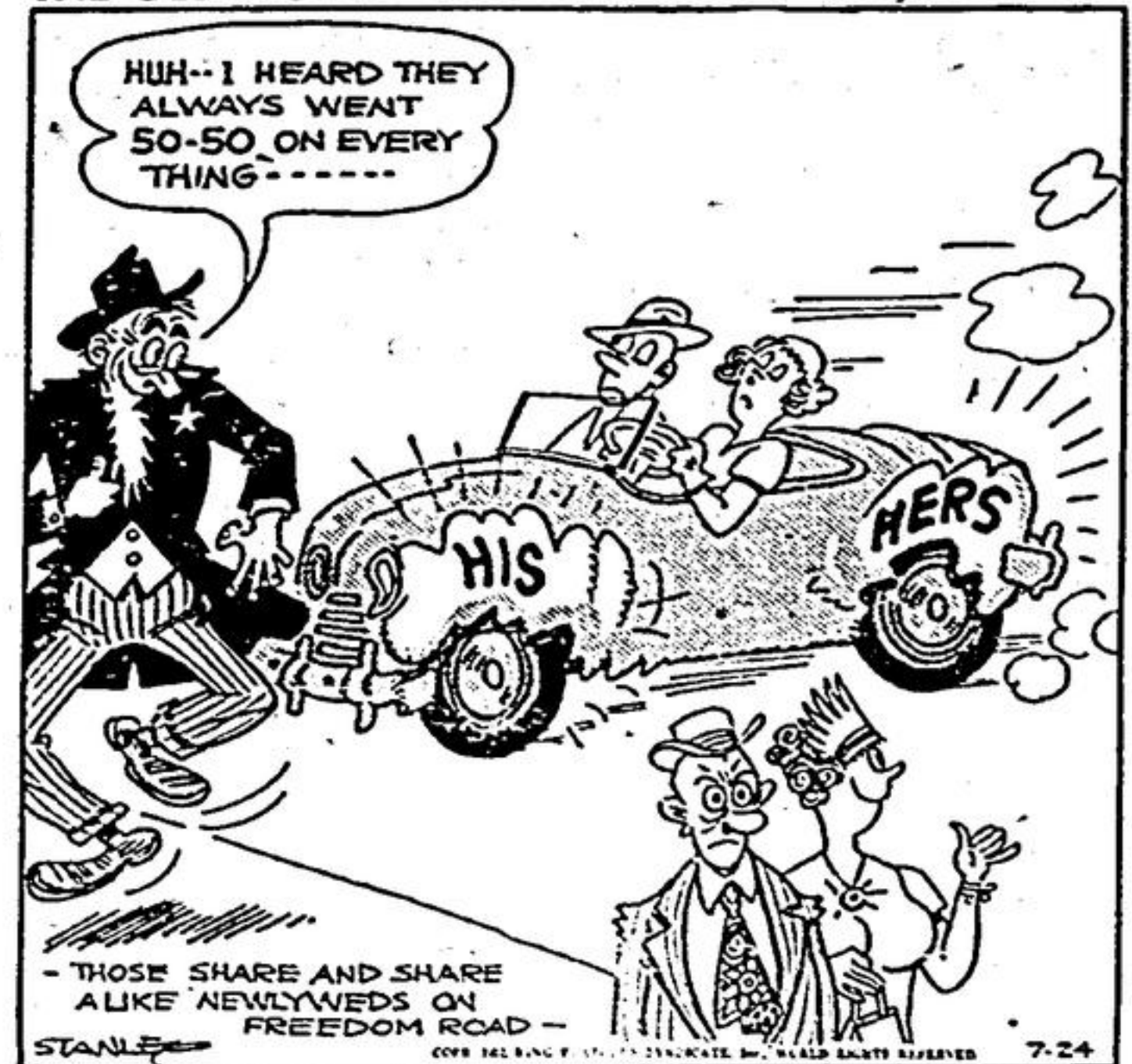
Despite the fine weather there are a lot of tramps on the road and several of these individuals beset the Reeve and other citizens for assistance within the past week. It certainly is hard and inhuman to refuse a meal to anyone who is really hungry and few people would care to do it. On the other hand some service should be given for the assistance rendered to these "knights of the road".

Last week almost every dirt street in town received an application of road oil, the cost being spread over all the taxpayers.

A rink of Stouffville bowlers met with great success at the Agincourt tournament last week, bringing home the A. E. Walton silver cup trophy which now is on exhibition in the drug store window of J.M. Storey. The rink was skipped by Mr. Storey who had with him Fred Carruthers, Blake Sanders and Wm. R. Sanders. In addition to capturing the silver trophy the group also received forty wicker chairs.

Hugh Thomas of Stouffville and Kenneth Moyer of Peterboro have returned this week from their 1,000 mile bicycle trip which took them through the greater part of eastern Ontario and western Quebec.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



Bible Questions And Answers

Question—Please send me the text that speaks of our never-dying soul.

Answer—There is no such text in the Bible. In James 5:20 we read: "Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." And Ezekiel 18:20 says, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Q.—What is a heathen?
A.—The foreign nations, as opposed to Israel (Nehemiah 5:8), who did not have the full knowledge of the true God. We read in Jeremiah 10:25 of "the heathen that know Thee not."

Q.—Why do some folks make such long prayers in meetings, and go over and over the same things?

A.—Why should anyone pray tedious prayers in public or anywhere else when Jesus said: "But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking?" Matthew 6:7.

Q.—I have lost my first love in religious things. How can I get it again?

A.—Read Revelation 2:4,5 and do three things: (1) "Remember from whence thou art fallen." Meditate upon your condition. (2) "Repent." Earnestly confess your backslidings and put them away. (3) "Do the first works." When God says, "Go work today in my vineyard," don't say "Tomorrow."

Q.—How can I tell if I am converted?

A.—Your life will be changed. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17. Three things are inseparably connected with genuine conversion—the Spirit, the truth, and the blood of Christ. John 6:63; John 17:17; 1 Peter 1:2.



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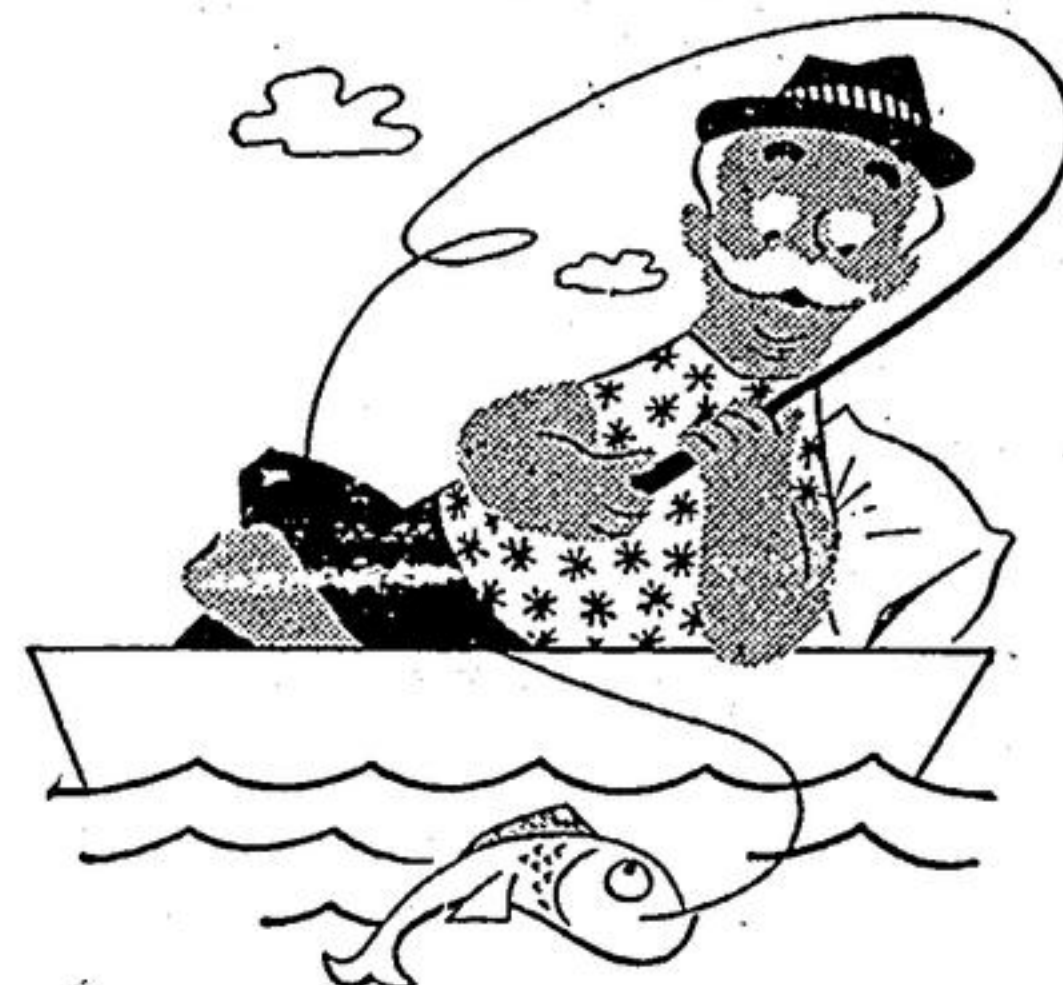
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