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NOTES and COMMENTS

Maintain A Good Calibre

The annual nomination meeting for the Village of Stouffville will be held one week from this Friday, Nov. 21st, and citizens should be giving some thought to the men whom they will want to take charge of the town's business next year.

The offices of reeve and council carry with them municipal dignity, a dignity which should be upheld by any who seek to fill these positions.

It can be reasonably said that as a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is a community to a greater or lesser degree, no better than the men it elects to highest office.

Ratepayers should also bear in mind that two men must be nominated for the office of Public Utility Commissioner. This is a new office and men who have some practical knowledge and a foresight for planning should fill these positions.

Several large, costly and important projects are facing the community, and require the best men this town can elect if they are to be carried through to the satisfaction of all ratepayers.

Far too many nominations are made with the only thought being to fill the vacancy, and with no consideration as to the type of man or his ability — the community can suffer from such a procedure.

Only One Person to be Blamed

There are times when people court publicity, and there are other times they go to almost any lengths to avoid it. The history of every newspaper office reflects these attitudes, since people in one community have the same traits and characteristics as the people of any other community.

One of the biggest nuisances to any newspaper staff is the character who wants to keep his name out of the police court news. Many offenders who seem quite unconcerned while being fined, hurry to a newspaper office as soon as court is over, with a familiar cry: "Keep my name out."

There is no doubt that these offenders dread the publicity following their appearance in court more than they do the penalty that is inflicted. Excuses by the dozens are provided in an effort to convince the newspaper that an exception be made "in this case" and the news suppressed.

There is an element of cowardice behind the requests. Men are willing to get into scrapes, beat up weaker persons than themselves, get stupid drunk, steal and generally offend against society, but they think everything is all right if the rest of the community doesn't know about their misbehavior.

There's a very simple answer to it all: If you get on the wrong side of the law, don't blame the reporters and the newspapers; blame yourself.

Radio License Fee Abolition Would be Popular Gesture

The advisory committee of the National Liberal Federation, meeting in Ottawa the other day, made a recommendation to the government that the present radio license fee of \$2.50 a year be abolished.

There can be no question that the abolition of the radio license fee would be popular with the people of Canada. Perhaps that is why this proposal has been made. It might even be regarded by the Liberal Federation as an excellent vote-catching expedient.

Private Lives

It becomes increasingly difficult to live privately. The busybody, the manager of others, is on the ascendant. Governments keep growing bigger and continually reach out to organize further details of the citizen's affairs.

Yet the great values of life are in the individual. Stephen Spender, the English author who turned against Communism because he at last saw that this final stage in big government meant the overwhelming of the individual, says: "The ultimate aim of politics is not politics, but the activities which can be practised within the political frame-work of the state."

Check over the things that are going on in the community and the nation. Where there is an organization, however excellent its origins, in which the organizing of people's activities has become more important than the activities themselves — then mark that outfit down as heading in the wrong direction.

—Printed Word

Events of Bygone Days

From the Files of The Tribune 26 Years Ago

The action of the town council appointing Mr. Elias Hoover as dairy inspector for Stouffville, is a wise step. Not since last December has a dairy inspector been on the job in Stouffville, and up to that time Mr. Noah Baker held the position.

Baker's new arena at the park will be ready for raising on Friday. Stouffville is fortunate in securing a splendid rink and all the men capable of work can show their appreciation by lending a hand.

Wm. Williams, the local oil king, was the first hunter to land back in Stouffville with a nice specimen of deer.

Swine sold at surprisingly high prices at E. R. Hoover's farm stock sale on lot 25, con. 9 Markham on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Hoover had a large number to sell and young brood sows soared to \$80 each. The total receipts of the farm stock and implements amounted to over \$3,100.

Our veteran smithy, Mr. Byron Beebe, while at the planing mill last week was overcome, toppling over where he stood. He was removed to his home and it was first thought that he may have suffered a slight stroke but he is up and about again.

Brillinger Bros. of Stouffville, one of the largest firms of vegetable growers in Ontario shipped out so far this fall about thirty-five carloads of cauliflower, cabbage, beets, carrots, etc.

The demand for good cattle is keen if the sale of Albert Reesor's at lot 20, con. 9, south of Stouffville, is any indication.

Grade cows mounted to the price of \$138 while another sale was made at \$132.50. There were a number of heifers in the sale which ran from \$80 to \$125.

There was an extra good attendance increase in the number of fowl offered. Chickens were quoted at 22c to 30c a pound according to quality and hens brought 20c Butter at 35c a pound to the farmer and hen eggs at 60c a dozen are prices that have not varied a

great deal within the last month. On Tuesday, Mr. Truman Holden purchased the brick residence in the west end belonging to Mr. William Burkholder. The sale price is reported at \$2500.

Stouffville requires 97 horse power per month from the hydro to supply the local demands. The town is a good customer and the council should see that we get our proper voltage.

Stouffville got its share of the cold snap over the weekend with the thermometers registering 6 degrees below zero.

17 Years Ago

Found lying unconscious beside his team of horses in the field where he had been working, Mr. Chas. Armstrong of Altona is reported in fair condition. Fortunately he fell away from the animals and was not injured in any way by them.

The earthquake which rocked Ontario on Thursday night caused a mild bit of consternation in Stouffville, and few people missed the peculiar sensation accompanying the rocking of buildings.

Local potatoes are being quoted on the retail trade in Toronto at \$1 per bag. Farmers are obtaining around 80 cents at the farm or delivered at local points.

Win Timbers' walked off with first prize for best land in high cut class and first for best land in the entire East York Match held last week at Tapscott's farm east of Milliken. His brother Fred captured first in tractor and their cousin, J. Timbers, first in class two, high cut.

The most disastrous fire to visit Stouffville in more than two years when the Gold Fish plant was partly burned broke out on Saturday morning. The business place on Main Street at the station owned by Mr. Hugh Anderson was completely gutted.

Mr. Jesse Byer, the honey king, shipped a car load of his best honey to England last week, and the week previous a car lot of buckwheat honey was sold and shipped to Holland. The Dutch output was sent in barrels while the English market is supplied in 60 pound cans.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

By Nancy Cleaver

HOMEMADE PLAYTHINGS

"Mummy, isn't there anything I can play with? I'm tired of my toys and I want to do something new!" How many mothers of small children are confronted with this urgent question several times a day. Boys and girls want to be busy. They are eager to try new things, to experiment with fresh toys.

Here is a list of articles found in almost every home, articles with which a small boy or girl can have a good time either playing himself or with other children—clothes pegs, spools, colored buttons, cardboard boxes such as shoe boxes, wooden boxes such as orange crates or butter boxes, egg beater and bowl, measuring spoons and measuring cups, empty tin cans of different sizes, pitcher and funnel, baby's bath tub or a large water basin.

Of course, care must be taken that these playthings such as tin cans have no rough edges, or that harmful paint will not be chewed, or tiny objects like small buttons placed in a little child's mouth and swallowed. A boy or girl can have a grand time making a clothes peg house with a clothes peg zig-zag fence around it.

Paste for scrapbook fun can be made from ordinary flour and water. Mother can make modeling clay from two cups of flour, one cup of salt and a teaspoonful of alum. Enough water should be added so that it can be kneaded.

All kinds of dolls can be made. Cloth dolls dressed in scraps of material or crepe paper can be made in whole families, because they are so inexpensive. Shredded newspapers can be used to stuff oilcloth or rag or stocking dolls. Spool dolls are great fun too, especially when they are strung on elastic. Pipe cleaners can be twisted into doll shapes with cork faces. Peanuts in the shell may also be converted into dolls by

threading them on heavy thread. Choose different shapes which are suitable, and ink the face on to the "head peanut."

A little child revels in a little house in which to play. An ordinary card table with sheets draped down the sides can be converted into a temporary square dwelling. Rugs over a broom-handle, balanced between two chairs can give the imaginative youngster a ridge-pole tent.

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OSHAWA GOING TO VOTE ON SUNDAY SPORT ISSUE

When ratepayers go to the polls in Oshawa Dec. 1, they will vote on whether they favor inauguration of Sunday sports, and whether they are in accord with the city's granting \$850,000 toward the erection of a \$1,500,000 wing to Oshawa General Hospital.

City Council at a meeting this week agreed to submit the questions to the electorate.

A petition signed by 2,794 was handed to council favoring public games and sports on Sunday.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



EDITOR'S MAIL

Nov. 1, 1952.

The Tribune, Stouffville. Dear Sir,

Through your columns I would like to commend the municipal council of Markham Township for not letting themselves be deterred from proceeding with the new municipal building on the 4th con. by obstacles thrown their way by "front-line residents" and by the ridiculous offer placed before them recently by a Mr. Flaska.

Anyone who knew the situation realized that the only reason such an offer could be made at such a belated time was because the offerer knew his gift could not be accepted and so he was quite safe. Everyone else in the township knew that the council had been looking for a site for more than a year and yet this offer was never made—how come? It would be ridiculous for the council to separate their office from their garage and no doubt those who "were behind" this offer knew it too.

Councillors must realize that their turn-down of the offer may mean losing their seats at election, and I wonder if that had anything to do with the offer.

Residents who are "gunning" for our local council will really have something to throw now, but Mr. Timbers and his members weren't to be frightened off so easily, "just for votes" and persevered.

Markham sure needs a new municipal building so let's help the fellows who are trying to get it, not keep bringing up petty arguments over its site and other details that matter very little.

Yours for the new township office as soon as it can be built. H.N.

TRANSFORMATION

Our Betty does not like to wear Her face as it was made; She paints her lips and dyes her hair

To get a different shade. She also paints her finger nails, And, too, alas, her toes. Now, Pa, he says it's all a sin, And Pa, he claims he knows.

Well, if to change ones looks a bit Is really, truly sin— Is it not every bit as bad For Pa to shave his chin? For Pa shaves his chin you know And cuts his bit of hair— Course all the men are doing it— You see them everywhere.

Some put it on—some take it off— Results are just the same: Their looks are not just what they were

Before those changes came. But, surely now, it's no great sin For Pa to comb his hair, Or Betty daub her face a bit To make her seem more fair.

W.F.R.

A thief stole a woman's shoes in a Nevada night spot. Her husband probably lost his shirt.

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