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NOTES and COMMENTS

Our Municipal Election

Let no one minimize the importance of our forthcoming municipal election and the distinctive part our local administration plays in the democratic process. Next Monday's election is important to every man, woman and child in Stouffville, and the privilege of franchise should be exercised to the full.

The rush of numerous candidates throughout town to offer themselves for public office is a healthy sign, but we as citizens must back up their efforts with our interest in local government if we are to have a vibrating community and likewise a vibrating democracy.

Local councils and local school boards play an important role in administering the many aspects of our lives in this community. One need only consider the high place educational matters have taken to appreciate the tremendous position of trust and responsibility placed on our school board. Our council is our insurance of an independent community if we are to protect our independence from being fully dominated by the provincial and federal systems.

With these facts in mind, citizens should go to the polls, not to mark their ballot according to certain personal whims which they may possess concerning this candidate or the other, but with the realization and determination to assist to place in office those most qualified to serve, be their qualifications experience or individual ingenuity and downright common sense.

Dutch Treat

A resourceful Dutch firm is reported to have developed a remarkably versatile vacuum cleaner. Its accomplishments include an ability to clean chairs, beds and curtains, polish floors, mix things, prepare drinks, mayonnaise, sauces, omelets and spreading pastes; it can also cut fruits, grind coffee, and chop almonds, beans and rice; when not otherwise employed, it can dry one's hair.

Although no absolute claim is made that it can cook the food which it has prepared, its varied talents are enough to provoke thoughtful consideration.

It would be reasonable to assume, for instance, that the machine can't talk back or waste money foolishly on hats. During the course of its useful life, it would probably not require a single paint job other than the one applied by its maker.

Ingenious people — the Dutch!

Nub of the Trouble

"The present sessional indemnity of \$4,000 plus the \$2,000 tax-free allowance of members of Parliament," says the member for Simcoe North, Julian Ferguson, "is far too little to bring into Parliament the type of man the people of Canada need." The present remuneration of honourable members he describes as "disgraceful and insulting."

It is easy to think of a good many Canadians who would regard an income of \$6,000 a year, \$2,000 of it tax-free, as neither disgraceful nor insulting. And there is little to suggest that the United States Congress, which pays members of the House of Representatives a salary of \$15,000 a year, is any more fortunate in the type of men attracted to public life than is the House of Commons.

At no time in parliamentary history has it ever been intended that the sessional indemnity should be regarded as a salary. A salary implies tenure of office, and tenure of office tends to make the incumbent little better than an office-holder. The problem of how to attract able citizens to run for Parliament is a grave one, but the experience of the U.S. does not indicate that higher pay is the solution.

Britain had the best and most independent parliament when the members were not paid.

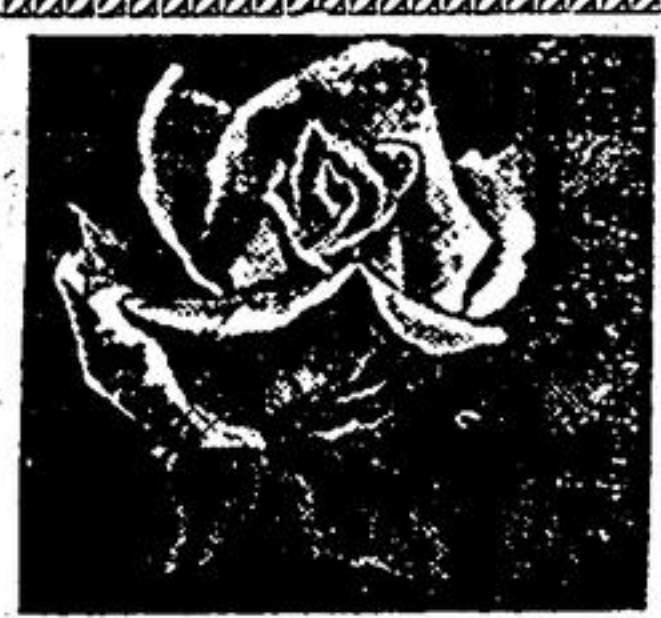
LET US NOT FORGET

Remembrance week again is gone,
 Each tribute been well paid;
 Memories of a Prayer—a Song
 Noble Sacrifices made.

Could we but see, o'er looking all
 Another, who sacrificed supreme,
 Admonishing now, to great and
 small,
 To make, and keep, our countries
 clean.

Loyal service to our fellow men,
 Good guidance to our girls and
 boys
 Will keep that "Torch" forever
 high,
 A world of Peace, of Love and Joy.
 —O.J.W.

First high altitude photographs
 recording a total eclipse of the sun
 were taken by the RCAF in July
 1945. Flying at an altitude of 34,000
 feet, an RCAF Spitfire photographed
 the phenomenon. A Mitchell and an
 Anson also took part in the operation
 from Rivers, Manitoba.

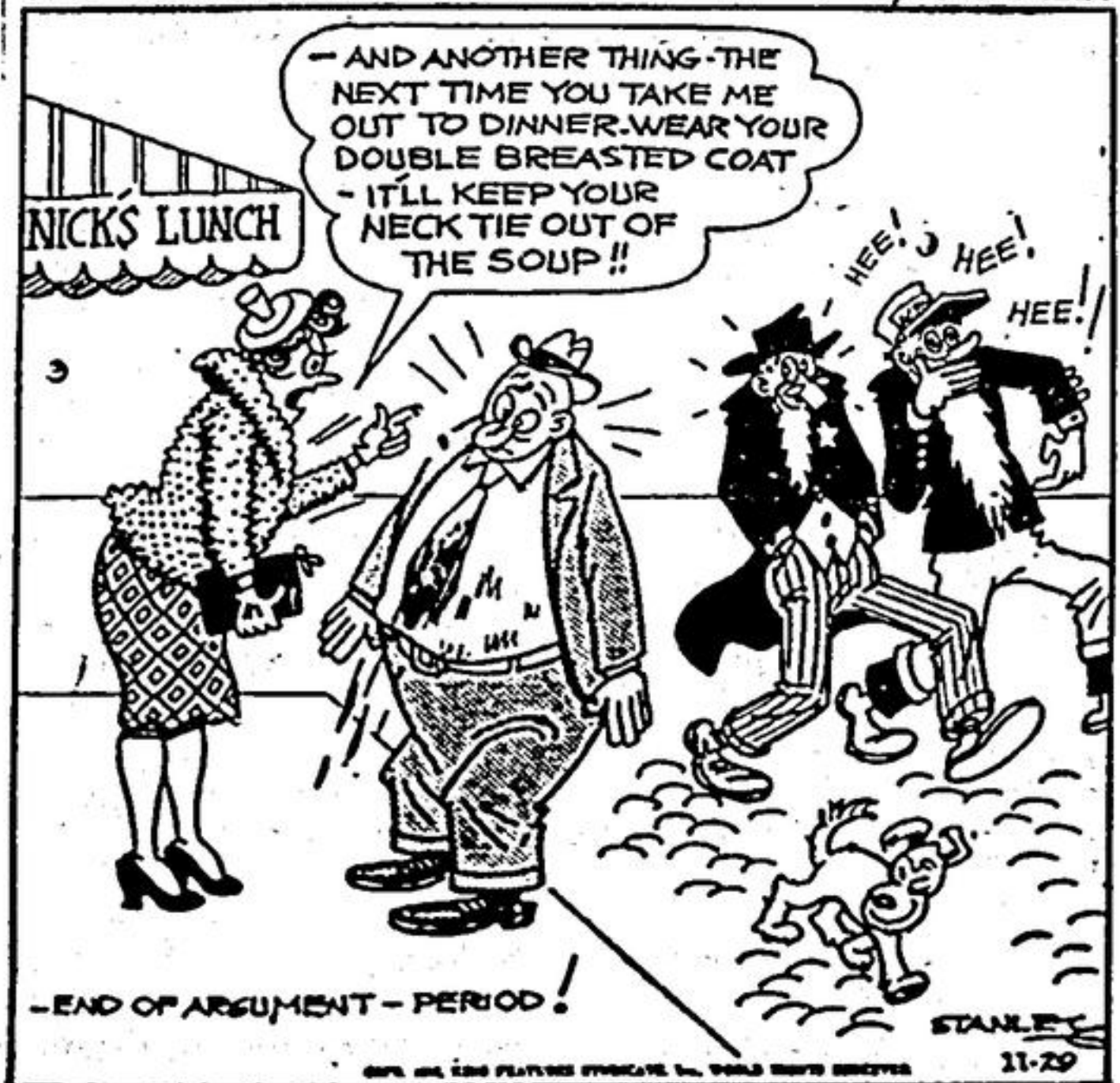


Stouffville Floral

—ROSES—
 Wedding Bouquets
 Funeral Designs
 Cut Flowers

MILT. SMITH, Prop.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



FOR PARENTS ONLY

By Nancy Cleaver

"Teach Me a Song Mummy"

Some mothers feel very much at sea when their child says wistfully "Teach me a song mummy!" Other parents, who are naturally musical, sing around the home with real enjoyment whenever they feel like it. They may not be soloists but their youngsters like to hear this happy sound.

Children love repetition and are born imitators. "Sing again!" they will plead when they hear a song they like. The little child of three or four "absorbs" a song and learns by copying his parent. Learning a new song should never be work to him! Mother wants to encourage his enjoyment in listening and his eagerness to sing himself. She knows he has a limited sense of pitch and not much control over his tone.

The best way to teach a song to a child of kindergarten age is to sing the entire song through several times. Then teach the child the first phrase, then the second phrase. Combine the first and second phrases, and so on, teaching one phrase at a time and then combine it with the part that is known until the song is complete.

No matter what the age of the child, mother must remember to use a light mellow head tone. Even if she is a contralto she can learn to produce this. Her child will try to copy her volume as well as her pitch and length of tone. She should also sing the melody accurately and distinctly. As an English adjudicator at one of our Canadian festivals stressed, "Get the words right and the music will come right too."

A child's song should be short and very simple in character. The words used should be ones he understands. He loves action songs such as "Pata-Cake" and "Lightly Row" and he also appreciates a little story about a song.

Nursery Rhymes come under the fire of critics from time to time, but a child loves the lilt of them. Folk songs, because the melody is of a high quality and so has endured the passing of time, are enjoyed by children. A child will listen with real pleasure to songs which are brief and rhythmic and have a definite melody line.

A child's interest in singing is frequently kindled when he begins to attend Sunday School and learns to sing simple children's hymns. Parents can help their boy or girl by giving him the chance to practice at home these songs such as "Jesus Loves Me." Many hymns belong to special seasons of the year, but to a little child there is

nothing strange about singing his beloved "Away in a Manger" in the middle of summer.

A mother can pick up tips on how to teach her child a new song by listening to the excellent C.B.C. program, "Kindergarten of the Air". This is heard on the Trans-Canada network on many local stations for a quarter of an hour on each school morning. Small boys and girls delight in this brief substitute for Nursery School. During the year they quickly learn a number of new little songs from the teacher by following her directions.

In her eagerness to teach her child, a mother should be careful to avoid forcing his voice or urging him to sing loudly. Shouting the words or singing in a thick "chest" voice are both ruinous. The young singer should use his natural child's head voice, even if the tone is small and he has little volume.

The true quality of his voice is clear with a delicate lightness and when he is singing correctly it is higher than his speaking voice. Hollis Dan, in the introduction of "First Year Music", which contains many delightful children's songs, points out that a really good choir boy sings easily and without effort. Parents should encourage a child's mellow, flute-like tone.

The mother who is not very musical will find good children's records played on the gramophone a real help. Listen to the song a couple of times with the child and then sing softly with the music. If mother can play the piano, she and her child can enjoy a game of "matching tones" of the different single notes on the piano with their voices. Begin on the third space in the treble staff. Listening attentively is the first step in singing accurately.

Music, the language of tone, is the universal language of mankind. Sigmund Spaeth in his "Music for Everybody" calls it the organization of sound toward beauty. Singing is not only the easiest music to grasp at first hearing, but it is still the most general and practical way in which the average person can take an actual part in music. Do all in your power to teach your child to sing.

Reference list of song books:—"The High Road of Song for Nursery Schools and Kindergartens", collected, arranged and composed by Margaret I. Fletcher, Principal and M.C. Denison, Musical Accompanist, Nursery School, Institute of Child Study, University of Toronto. (W.J. Gage & Co. Ltd.). Hollis Dann's "First Year Music", (W.J. Gage & Co. Ltd.) and "Songs for Little Children", (Ryerson Press)

Events of Bygone Days

From the Files of the Tribune 63 Years Ago

Some man who is fond of goose cooly captured one from Mr. Wm. Beatty's wagon at market yesterday and walked away. Mr. Beatty knows the pilferer by sight and expects him to come up and pay like a man and save further trouble.

Several of the young and rising generation have had lots of fun on the flats which have been flooded and then frozen over lately.

As announced last week, Mr. R. J. Daley is in the field for the headship of next year's council. It is probable that his election will be by acclamation. Any comments would be out of place as Mr. Daley has been well and favorably known in Stouffville for many years.

There is quite a change going on with regard to the front fences on our village streets, generally for the better, but I am sorry to see the number of barbed wire fences is increasing. I think our Inspector should notify anyone erecting a fence of this kind that it is contrary to law to put barbed wires near a sidewalk, and that they are personally responsible for any accident that may occur in consequence of their dangerous character. If a person was severely hurt by one of these fences and the owner was involved in four or five hundred dollars damages, it would make them scarce.

Some of the young folks of the town are indebted to Messrs. Orvil Kester and A. McDonald for a sleigh-ride on Tuesday evening. Two loads were taken out to Mr. Renfrew's on the 8th of Markham where a most enjoyable evening was spent.

D. Stouffer and Company have five shoemakers, as busy as can be. This speaks for itself with reference to the popularity of their home made work.

The two days of snow have produced a very fair article of sleighing and a great many bells jingled in our streets on Tuesday. Another not so pleasant feature is the necessity for shovelling snow. Our citizens are very faithful in doing this duty and are not backward in mentioning it to a neighbor if he should be a little late in keeping his walk clean.

We are indebted to Mr. John Bartholomew for a very generous piece of venison. He, in company with Messrs. Jas. Mustard and J. H. Ramer, returned from a trip to Longford where in three days they bagged four fine deer.

Several youths of the village were disputing themselves in the woods in the neighborhood of Dickson's Hill on Thursday. The game not being very plentiful, Willie Urquhart discharged his shot-gun at random and the barrel burst, badly shattering his left hand about the thumb. He ran towards Ringwood and entered a house where his wound

was dressed and he was afterwards driven home. On the same day, another boy extricated his ramrod from his gun, in which it had stuck, by firing it off in the air. The ramrod seemed to take a more horizontal direction than intended and his companion required all his agility to dodge the missile.

A very handsome granite monument standing about fifteen feet high to be placed in the Baptist Church Cemetery on the 9th concession of Markham and erected to the memory of Elijah Miller is the work of Mr. L. C. Wideman and is a very creditable piece of workmanship.

30 Years Ago

Following a pot luck supper last Friday evening, the Stouffville United Church Choir members held their election. Rev. Thos. Laidlaw was presiding officer. The officers elected were: Pres., Mr. Isaac Barkey; Vice Pres., Dr. Neil Smith; Sec., Miss Ida Lehman; Treas., Miss Bertha Winn; Librarian, Mr. James Ridout.

Frank Harvey's chopping mill at Unionville had a record day's run last week, when 385 bags were run through. Another farmer was on his way with about forty more bags when he became stuck in his land and failed to reach the mill.

The price paid farmers for dairy butter last Thursday on Stouffville market was decidedly easier at 18c per pound. A few preferred customers obtained 20c. Eggs were in good demand at 30, 35 and 40c per dozen. Poultry prices on the other hand are not high.

The caretaker of the school at S.S. No. 13 Markham (Cashel) was astounded on Tuesday morning when on opening the school he discovered the place in a perfect bedlam of confusion. Books were thrown in every corner, torn and mutilated, while even the curtains and window blinds were wantonly torn from their hangings and thrown upon the floor. The teacher there is Miss Grace Nicely of Ringwood.

Walking along the roadway at Dickson's Hill, Henry Grove, aged resident of the hamlet was run into by his young nephew on a bicycle. The impact was so severe that both were thrown to the road and rendered unconscious.

Markham village entertained no less than seven tramps to bed and meals over one night last week. It is high time that these knights of the road were put to work.

The market for home-grown cabbage is still very dull, and local growers are left with hundreds of tons to waste in pits on their farms. Some dealers are disposing of their produce at a low price of 12c a dozen while other farmers are leaving their crop in the field.

When some people start reducing, the first thing that grows thin is their tempers.

Canadians, Chilean "Join Forces"



While on a training cruise around the South American continent, the HMCS Ontario called at the port of Valparaiso, Chile, where two of the crew took time out to visit a biological station. Seen above examining some of the many

tropical fish in its aquaria are the two Canadians, Chief Petty Officer Joseph Flood of Victoria, left and Able Seaman Arthur Blanchard of Welland, Ont., with Petty Officer Arthur Ayling, centre, of the Chilean navy, who acted as guide and interpreter.

ALICE IN TAXLAND

We had a Township meeting,
 We heard of many things,
 Of Mr. Lennie's travels,
 Of cans of gas and Kings.

We heard of pigs and pamphlets
 And letters to the Press,
 And Mister James informed us
 Of Council's naughtiness.

"A woman's stood for council"
 said someone with a leer.—
 "My actions have been misconstrued"
 And the Reeve suppressed a tear.

We heard a lot about the "Dump"
 And some about a truck,
 But those who want economy
 Seem surely out of luck.

We heard those sonorous voices,
 We heard those doforous facts,
 We heard of monstrous Taxes
 And we heard of dreadful acts—

BUT

No voice was raised for good or ill
 Concerning the HALL at Buttonville.
 —Anonymous.

Candidates for Trustees

VILLAGE OF STOUFFVILLE

Your Support Is Earnestly Solicited For The Election of

Wm. D. MALLOY

PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEE 1953

Polling Day, Mon., Dec. 8th — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VILLAGE OF STOUFFVILLE

Your support at the polls will be appreciated for

Viola McCREIGHT

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FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Vote to Re-Elect

Mrs. Neil C. Smith

POLLING DAY DEC. 8th — 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

VILLAGE of STOUFFVILLE

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

Len. WILKES

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