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NOTES and COMMENTS

Opportunity Lost by Aged Recluse

Some people have odd ideas of life that to others are inexplicable.

A 64-year-old man in New York, who lived quietly for years in a \$25-a-month room, died the other day. In a gladstone bag in his room \$250,000 were found in cash. In the bag were 137 \$1,000 bills and one \$10,000 bill.

Roger Stewart received no mail, had no visitors and left his room only occasionally. Those in the neighborhood thought he was penniless. Probably he was acting the miser and counting his money daily behind that closed door.

However, it does seem that Mr. Stewart failed. True he accumulated \$250,000 but that should have been a challenge to him to accomplish something worthwhile. There are many things that could have been accomplished with some of that \$250,000 and it would have caused great pleasure to those who benefitted and there would have been enough left for Mr. Stewart to live better than he did.

It was regrettable he could not see these things clearly and rise to the challenge that his \$250,000 provided.

Extra Care at Christmas Wise

During the joyous festivities of the Christmas season, a cigarette butt, a match, a screenless fireplace, or a faulty electrical circuit may at any time change the joy and gladness into tragedy and heartbreak, as it did in many homes in Canada last year. An ever greater tragedy is that most of these fires could have been avoided by following a few simple rules. A little extra care may save a home—your home.

Two factors contribute to the fire dangers of the Christmas season. First, decorations are too often not fire-proof. Second, the increased tempo of entertainment increases the hazard of misplaced cigarette butts and gift wrappings which blaze like tinder if ignited.

The Underwriters' Laboratories of Canada give the following suggestions, which are summarized from a recent bulletin:

1. Use flameproof decorations.
2. Use a small Christmas tree, and place the butt in water or moist earth. Keep it in a cool corner away from draughts.
3. Avoid decorations of paper and candles on the tree.
4. Be careful not to overload electrical circuits.
5. Check furniture for lighted cigarettes.
6. Keep candles out of the reach of children.
7. Pick up gift wrappers and put them in a safe place as soon as possible.

These are simple rules, yet obeying them may mean all the difference between safety and a disastrous fire, with possible tragic loss of life. Only a safe Christmas can be a merry and happy Christmas.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

By Nancy Cleaver

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!
OR
FINDING HAPPINESS

"A Happy New Year to you!" we wish our friends and relatives early in January. In our hearts we hope that the months which stretch ahead will be satisfying ones in our homes. We are eager that each and every member of our own family should find happiness in the New Year.

Happiness is a strange and elusive thing. What about the atmosphere in your home? Early in a new year, fathers and mothers should take a long look at the kind of environment in which they are bringing up their children.

Would an impartial observer consider your home a happy one? This is not so dependent on the purchase of objects as many people think. All the fine helps with housekeeping such as refrigerators, and vacuum sweepers, all the new tools for recreation such as radios, are all very nice to own—but many of our grandparents created a happy home without them. In the twentieth century as in any past age, to a very great extent, the happiness in a home is colored, not by possessions, but by the parents' way of looking at life.

If mothers and fathers are anxious and rushed and fearful, they poison the carefree atmosphere of the home. These attitudes are very catching. "Susan is a little worrier!" one teacher explained to another teacher. "You should see her mother!" the other answered. "After I had talked with Susan's mother I understood how the poor child could hardly help being such a fuss-box!"

No one will deny that these are difficult days for adults. With the high cost of living, the fear of atomic destruction and the feverish international situation, it is the easiest thing in the world to join the ranks of the "heavy worriers." Like drinking, or smoking, worry is a habit which can grow to alarming proportions in people of a certain temperament.

How can parents escape from drifting into an anxious, fearful attitude to life which destroys inner poise? Surely it would be a help to parents if they could remember the past without bitterness or regret, face the future with courage and live each day as it dawns fully and zestfully.

"What's done is done," Shakespeare said tersely. Past mistakes should not darken the present. We should learn from the error we have committed so that we

don't make the same blunder twice. But neither should we have a "Perfectionist Pattern" for ourselves! Let us not live in misery when we cannot completely reach our highest ideals.

The future lies before us and there is a very sensible old proverb about not crossing bridges until we come to them. So many dire calamities never happen which people have been sure would come to pass. They have been very uncomfortable imagining bad times overtaking them—and how they have wasted their time and energy!

We can only live one day at a time. Sir William Osler, in his famous essay on a way of life, suggests that the path to happiness lies in living in the present and refusing to mourn over the past or be apprehensive about the future.

This all sounds very wise—but how do ordinary mortals acquire the ability to do just this? Think about the people who are your friends and acquaintances. Did you ever know anyone well who lived each day fully, without remorse or uncertainty, who was not a person of faith?

People like this do not belong to any one religion—and certainly not to any one denomination! By different paths they have reached the conviction that they do not struggle alone with their problems.

They lean on strength which comes from a Higher Power so that they can live a day at a time. In their own words, they echo in their hearts this ancient prayer,

Temper my activity,
With manifold tranquility,
That I may do my work for Thee
In very great serenity."
(Copyright)

Crockford Seeks
PC Nomination
In New Riding

Reeve Oliver Crockford of Scarborough announced last week that he would be a candidate for the Progressive Conservative nomination on January 14th in the new federal riding of York Scarborough. The new riding was created by dividing one of the original four York ridings, York East and the redistribution of a small section of York North. The member of York Scarborough will represent about 79,000 constituents.

Events of Bygone Days

From the Files of the Tribune
48 Years Ago

We understand that the injury received by Mr. Whiteoak of Markham to his eye in the hockey match there with Stouffville is likely to prove more serious than was at first anticipated. Mr. Whiteoak has consulted a specialist and was told that it was doubtful if he would ever be able to see out of the injured member again.

Wood wanted — 100 cords of body wood and any quantity of engine wood to be delivered at J. A. Heise's Planing Mill, Stouffville.

Miss Gertrude Todd of Toronto visited at home over Sunday.

Mr. Fred Warriner of Toronto Dental College spent Sunday at home.

The winter has been phenomenal for extreme cold and sudden changes. It became mild on Saturday night and rain fell during the night and on Sunday the thermometer registered about 38 degrees above zero. On Sunday evening the wind veered to the north-west and on Monday morning the temperature was 12 degrees below zero, a change of about 50 degrees.

The Bankers of this place went to Claremont on Tuesday evening to try their hockey skill with that team and were defeated by a score of 8-1.

The Crown Brass & Steel Works of Stouffville has taken out a charter. The capital is \$40,000 and the head office is in Stouffville. The directors are C. A. Michell, J. A. Heise, Dr. F. A. Dales and J. F. Lennox of Stouffville.

All trains on the division have been very much behind time for the past few days owing to the deplorable condition of the road.

Owing to the large amount of snow on the roads, traffic has been interfered with, and business in town has been almost at a standstill.

A freight car jumped the track a little north of the station on Monday and was so badly wrecked that it had to be burned up.

The Stouffville Green Shirts hockey squad is as follows: goal, Pennock; Scott, point; Flint, cover-point; W. Sanders, left; B. Sanders, centre; Lott, rover; Ryan, left.

27 Years Ago

There is a rumor afloat from a very reliable source to the effect that the Sutton train is soon to be discontinued by the C.N.R. This train makes one trip daily from Sutton to Toronto and return, and it is generally believed that it is a poor paying line. No doubt the people of Ballantrae, Mount Albert and other places will protest strongly against the discontinu-

Peace on Earth

Peace, Peace on earth, good will to men,
Are angels watching now as then?
And to this earth so sad and worn
Shall peace and joy once more be born.

Oh wise men gathered from afar
Have you too seen the Christ child's star?
Then worship Him as now you meet
So lay your offering at His feet.

Oh bring your gifts of brain and power
So needful in this vital hour.
Give of your best as now you stand
To plead for peace in every land.

Oh guardian angels bending low
Be with us now as long ago.
And strife and hatred all to cease
And usher in the Prince of Peace.

Peace, Peace, on earth good will to men
Oh gentle Jesus come again.
And may each door be opened wide.

Be Thou our guest this Christmas Tide.

—Mrs. Edith M. Marshall
(This poem was written by the late Mrs. Edith Marshall, mother of Mrs. Jack Gamble, on the peace conference in Washington in 1926.

ance of the service.

Owing to the fall of snow during Monday night our express man, C. Cadieux was able to rush the season on Tuesday morning and merchants received their express parcels delivered from sleighs.

The cooperative farmers shipped a car load of turnips on Monday consigned to Boston, on which they expect a net return of 28c per bushel.

Lloyd Turner assisted Battle and Duff of Brooklin in the exhibition of their Clydesdale horses at Guelph and Toronto Royal Fairs. The exhibitors cleaned up on the championship at both fairs.

With the brick work now completed on the new post office and the roof on, we are assured that the work will not be delayed through bad weather, as the building may now be heated if necessary.

Fred Crossen is now the official butter maker at the Stouffville Creamery. With his experience as an assistant the upward step should be well within his ability.

Wheat, has advanced on the Stouffville market to \$1.46 per bushel.

Winter seemed to be here in earnest on Wednesday morning

Season's Greetings



For your friendship and good will

we extend a hearty "Thank You."

May you have a delightful Christmas
and a successful New Year.

JOHN & SYBIL

HOUSTON'S

YOUR REXALL DRUG STORE
Stouffville, Ontario

EDITOR'S MAIL

Mr. A. V. Nolan & Son,
Tribune,
Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Nolan:
I wish to express my very sincere appreciation for the excellent support you have given Ontario Hydro during the past year. As you are aware, the Commission is most anxious to keep the public informed on all phases of its operations, and the press has played a major role in "telling the Hydro story."

The spirit of helpfulness evidenced by yourself and members of your staff has made it a distinct pleasure to co-operate with you at all times.

All members of the Public Relations Division join me in extending to you sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Yours very truly,
J. A. Blatz,
Director of Public Relations.



here's
**Merry
Christmas**



Snowball's Barber Shop

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Mother and Dad or anyone on your Christmas list will appreciate such a thoughtful gift as a bus trip to the Sunny South,—to the bright lights of the big cities,—or a book of commuters' tickets for everyday use. Buy them from your local agent.