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NOTES and COMMENTS

It's Praiseworthy

Distribution of 72,000 pheasants throughout southern Ontario annually by the Lands Department of the provincial government is praiseworthy.

Perhaps the country could get along without pheasants but it is factual that such getting along would not be desirable.

The province could hardly stand a too great impoverishment of its funds. It could also hardly stand any serious impoverishment of its bird life.

What the government has done for the pheasants it has done for other types of game. While this escapes the notice of many citizens, there are enough aware of it to assure the government enduring appreciation from wild-life lovers throughout Ontario.

Homes Could Ruin Us!

Is Stouffville heading in the direction of Forest Hill Village? It could be unless some industrial assessment is found here to counter balance the home-building growth. This year we are building a new High School. Within five years the town will almost be forced to go into the establishment of a sewerage system. Our present mill rate has passed the fifty mark. These two expenditures mentioned above could almost double it.

More and more people will come to Stouffville to live while Toronto will reap the benefit of the industrial assessment. Stouffville will have to provide for these people, all the services necessary in an expanding community, schools, sewers, roads, etc. The load for the home can become unbearable and will, if something is not done about it.

Industry is the only answer. People in Stouffville cannot afford to live by themselves as a community of homes alone. The local tax thermometer started to rise last year, it will go much higher, in fact it may go so high that firms will not come. Citizens should do everything possible to support the local Chamber of Commerce in their efforts to keep our community on an even keel taxwise. Too many homes could ruin us.

Help The Blind Campaign

The annual campaign for The Canadian National Institute for the Blind will take place from April 20th to May 2nd. We have all heard of the happiness C.N.I.B. has brought to many a blind Canadian, but one case we thought was particularly outstanding. A middle-aged man lost his sight suddenly through an accident. He would not see any of his former friends, and refused to leave his bedroom. All the furniture was removed but the bed and one straight-backed chair. His wife was expected to bring meals to the room.

The whole family suffered, till finally like the drowning grasping at a straw, someone appealed to C.N.I.B. The gentleman received the blind Field Secretary, and showed little interest in conversation.

"Where's the furniture?" the field man asked, discovering by ear and touch that the room was almost empty.

"I had it taken out so that I wouldn't bump into it," replied the potential client.

That was the professional's clue, and, as one blind man to another, he deftly demonstrated the ability of a sightless person to walk nimbly and easily.

The new client was sceptical, but the sightless Field Secretary had lit a spark of hope in the other's heart. Later, when the Home Teacher, a trained instructor, blind herself, skilled in unravelling the maze of confusion resulting from loss of vision, began calling regularly at the house, her doubting pupil slowly started to rally. With the teacher's encouragement, the gentleman felt his way downstairs and learned to find his way cautiously through the rooms, around chairs and tables until he was once more putting in a regular appearance at the family circle.

That man has come a long way. He's now a member of a recreational club for the blind and those who met him in the early days think of him as a different person.

In York County there are many receiving C.N.I.B. service, and they will all benefit from your support of the current campaign. Please be as generous as possible.

Council Should Heed Advice of Planning Experts

Stouffville Municipal Council should and we expect will take serious heed to the advice of the Planning Dept. experts who were in town recently and who placed special emphasis on the need for a local Planning Board. It comes as a shock to many that the City of Toronto limits are scarcely twelve miles from town and this fact will undoubtedly bring further impetus to the home building program here.

A systematic planning for our town with an eye to the future drawn up by an appointed Planning Board is the only preventative for a hodge-podge system of home building and the loss of good industrial sites.

Up until a few years ago, there was little work in a community of this size for a Planning Board, but the time has come with the era of expansion when steps must be taken to see that order is kept. The matter of co-operation with the Townships of Markham and Whitchurch was stressed at the recent planning meeting and township representatives stated their earnest desire to co-operate with members of a Stouffville Board.

On Thursday evening of last week, a group called together by the Industrial Committee discussed the proposal put forward to form a limited company and erect a factory to be sold or rented. The Committee chairman was assured by the Toronto Industrial Commission that such a building could be filled in a very few weeks. The meeting went on record as favoring the proposal and left it to the committee to bring in definite land prices before proceeding.

During the meeting there were strong views expressed on the establishing of a Planning Board. President of the Chamber of Commerce Ken Wagg told the gathering that Reeve Ogden had received all the information necessary for the establishing of a Board in Stouffville and action could be expected shortly.



For Parents Only

"FAMILY GARDEN"

By Nancy Cleaver

"A garden can certainly cut down on the cost of feeding a hungry family," a father remarked to his neighbor over the back fence. "You should know about that," the friend agreed. "It is really amazing how many vegetables can be grown in a small fertile plot, well laid out."

Raising children is an expensive proposition and a good slice of each week's wage must be spent on food. Why more families do not grow vegetables and fruit is a puzzle in a country where there is as much land as there is in Canada! During the war, many people in crowded areas had "Victory Gardens" on the edge of the city. They were urged for patriotic reasons to grow food. In these days it wouldn't be a bad idea to revive the Victory Garden plan to fight the high cost of eating.

In one home where they had never done much gardening, once they made a beginning they became very enthusiastic. They were fortunate in having a large piece of good ground and every member of the family co-operated. The second year they planted extra rows of green beans, wax beans, tomatoes, beets and carrots, because they had had special success in raising these. They sold their surplus vegetables to a grocery store. From this money they were able to buy all the seed and plants for next year's garden.

The Department of Agriculture in the various provinces publish free and inexpensive booklets on the home garden. The Seed Catalogues contain many helpful hints as well as gay colorful illustrations of vegetables and flowers. In the Public Library, there is a wide

choice of readable gardening information. Lack of knowledge need not prevent any householder from embarking on cultivating his own garden.

Gardening is one of the best of family projects. There are so many "advantages" for the child who belongs to a garden household! Sir Arthur Thompson, the great scientist, once said, "Wonder is the beginning of all knowledge." In a garden, a child exclaims with wonder and delight as the first small green sprouts appear.

If it is his own small garden plot, his satisfaction in watching the progress of his own vegetables or flowers is very apparent. The young gardener learns to persist and complete a job he has started. With a little encouragement he finishes such tasks as weeding a row. Mothers who are worried about their child's poor appetite should try gardening as the best of Spring tonic! The child who has grown his own lettuce and carrots acquires a new appetite for salads and raw vegetables!

Mother and father can form a partnership in gardening, if they both enjoy it and can give time to it. Sometimes the father is away on business a lot of the time and it is the mother who has "green fingers" and shares her joy in growing things with her children. A thoughtful parent can see a child growing too as he works the good earth in the fresh air and sunshine. Vegetables, fruit and flowers are all valuable—but the most important crop of all is healthy, happy, useful children! (copyright)

- EVENTS OF BYGONE DAYS -

From the Files of The Tribune 11 Years Ago

Thieves who broke into the Buttonville Public School Thursday pried open the teacher's desk and stole \$20 which had been raised by the pupils of Miss Jean Topper's class for the Red Cross. In addition the schools at Victoria Square and Gormley were entered but only a few cents were taken in each case. Chief Constable Ben Gayman of Markham investigated.

Fevorishly breaking the ice to wade through frigid chindeep water, Miss Mary Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Delos Graham-Ringwood, teacher at Bloomington is recovering from shock and will resume her teaching duties shortly. Miss Graham rescued three pupils from the pond while another drowned.

Mr. Charles Preston of the 7th concession of Whitechurch has an egg with a perfect V displayed on one end. Markham Township paid

more money for stand-by time this winter than probably any season on record, but the total bill for snow removal would only total about \$2,000. Some of this cost is for putting up snow fence and pay for retaining a truck on call at any hour. This is only a casual estimate made by Road Supt. W. Maxwell.

Constable Al Greenwood the east end storekeeper has handed in his resignation as town constable after holding down the job for two or three years. The 1941-42 season at the Stouffville Arena will go down in history as one of the shortest on record since the rink was erected. Skating did not begin until Dec. 22nd while the last open night was March 7th this making a brief season of only twelve weeks. Less than eight weeks were available for curling due to the mild weather.

A fire of mysterious origin completely demolished the large barn on the farm of

Taxes and Welfare

Defence Minister Claxton observed not long ago that "A danger we have to face is growth of the feeling that anyone is entitled to a free ride. In these times some people look to government for social security and welfare payments from the cradle to the grave, for relief and assistance if there is too much or too little sunshine or rain, for higher handouts and lower taxes — all on a platter and all at once".

The Senate Finance Committee not long after restated the problem in these terms: "The increasing tendency of people to demand that the Government do something about all kinds of problems which the community or the individual should solve for itself or himself is, we believe, accountable for much mounting public expenditure and, if not checked, bids fair to undermine our present system of government."

Now the Prime Minister himself echoes the words both of Mr. Claxton and the Senate Finance Committee. Out of total Federal expenditures of \$4,500 million, Mr. St. Laurent points out, more than \$1,000 million goes for social security payments. Yet, warns the Prime Minister, taxation cannot be increased without grave danger to the national economy.

Nature's Glories Brought To Town

What would Stouffville be without the Stouffville Horticultural Society? To hazard a guess, it would not lay claims to the "village beautiful".

As it is, the glory of spring and summer is always with the citizens of Stouffville.

Those who find themselves longing for the sight of spring flowers need only journey to some of our fine residential streets. A riot of color from the early days of spring to late summer will greet them. Golden lances of daffodils are thrust up as the first breezes of spring gladden the hearts of winter-weary citizens. Crocuses break through the ground in colorful profusion. A little later, tulips, pride of society, bloom forth in golden array. Bed after bed can be found about town, in a sea of gorgeous color.

Not only do the residents of Stouffville find pleasure in visiting our home gardens, but visitors and rural residents too.

The gardens, however, are not the only project of the energetic society. Civic beautification is a major enterprise. The public library, the town park, the vacant spaces at either end of town, the railway yard, all are subject to the care of horticultural members. Wherever the society turns its attention, the results are perfect.

Next month, Stouffville along with other communities will be marking National Beautification Week. The Chamber of Commerce is planning a special campaign in recognition of this week — the two organizations are going hand in hand making this a better town.

"Report from Parliament"

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

One of the things that has impressed me most in the few months I have been in Ottawa is the problem of food prices and farm prices. One of the advantages of going to work every day, as I do, in the nation's capital is the opportunity it affords of hearing many sides of the same story and there are, of course, many, many sides to this question of food and farm prices.

In a nutshell the situation is this: food prices, as every housewife knows, are high. Not quite as high as they were a year ago, but still high enough that the average family budget just won't stand any increases. On the other hand, farm prices are low, actually too low for the average farmer to make a decent living by city or town standards.

Once upon a time it was the fashion to blame the "middleman", but that theory is pretty well exploded. Food distribution and selling costs are no more than they are for selling insurance or cars or hardware. Actually they constitute a lower percentage of the consumer price than in most other commodities.

Then what's the matter? I have been giving the matter a good deal of thought and I think the basis of the trouble is this: The farmer's market for most of his produce is in that part of the family budget which is least able to absorb the steadily rising prices which appear to be an established part of our booming Canadian economy.

We consumers can do without new refrigerators, new Easter bonnets, new chesterfields if we have to, but we can't do without food. We can put off buying a new car for a while, or a new coat of paint for the house—but we can't wait till next month for the weekend roast or the milk for the children's cereal.

Worse than that, we can't buy the family food on the instalment plan, except in rare cases where the corner grocer has a large heart and a trusting soul.

There's another factor. Food purchases don't skyrocket in volume when times are good the way car sales do, or fur

James Tindall, one mile north of Glasgow on the second concession of Uxbridge just after midnight last Wednesday night. The entire building and its contents were a total loss. It was only a few years ago that the Cooper barn in the same locality was mysteriously burned. It was at first believed that the blaze might have been caused by tramps off the railway nearby but such a possibility has since been ruled out.

A rubber-tired buggy in good condition was bid up to \$39.50 at a public auction sale in town last Friday at the sale barn of Geo. Watson. The owner Jonathan Graham valued the buggy at \$80 when new. Mr. Graham considered the vehicle to be worth more than \$39.50 and the buggy is still in his possession.

Two R. C. A. F. fliers out from Oshawa were killed on Tuesday when their training plane crashed in Uxbridge Township about three and a half miles north of Claremont on the Ralph Norton farm.

Dismantling a barn on the Ralph Burkholder property at Ringwood last week, Albert Hoover found an old sword in its original sheath between the wall and sheeting of the building. The sheath was badly rusted but the sword was bright as a dollar. It is surmised that this sword belonged to the late Major John R. Button, father of F. L. Button K. C. and Mr. E. A. Button of Stouffville as this property was the Button place 50 years ago.

The drug store of H. C. Mason and the barn of G. L. Patterson, Markham were damaged on Friday about 6 p.m. by fire of undetermined origin. The fire was first noticed by Gilbert MacEachern who turned in the alarm.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



That is not what I hear from the farmers in Ontario riding. But as long as Mr. Gardiner thinks everything is all right on the farm front, obviously he is not going to do anything about it. And, as far as the U.K. markets are concerned, he has practically said that he intends to do nothing. He says (and this is one of the most amazing statements I have heard in Ottawa so far) that we have not lost the U.K. markets. He said in the House:

"My friends are fond of saying that we have lost the British market. Well, I said earlier that I do not think we lost it. Somebody just cancelled us out of it."

What's the difference? Lost or "cancelled out", it's all the same to the Ontario farmer who can't sell his hogs or cheese or apples or butter in the overseas market upon which our whole Canadian farm economy has been built up.

This is a problem that can be solved and must be solved. I believe that we can re-open the British market by going out and selling just as we sell pulp and paper, and automobiles and stoves abroad. The individual farmer cannot, of course, take sales trips to Britain. Neither is it a proper function of the average agricultural association. We have not only a Department of Agriculture here in Ottawa, we also have a Department of Trade and Commerce whose job it is to sell Canadian commodities abroad.

I'm not advocating state control of marketing. I'm against it in principle. But as long as we have billion-dollar departments and million dollar embassies and trade missions, I think they have a job to do for the Canadian farmer, and I think it's about time they started doing it.

It is not true to say, as Mr. Gardiner sometimes does, that overseas nations cannot afford to pay Canadian prices for Canadian food. They are paying Canadian prices for Canadian stoves and frying pans. That being so they can also afford to pay Canadian prices for the bacon and eggs they fry in those appliances.

Furthermore, if it costs a little money to do this selling job for our farm products, I, for one, am all for it. It would certainly be money better spent than the \$280,000 they are spending to landscape one building site here in Ottawa that I pass every day on my way to work.

It is my belief that he wants the same sort of aggressive government action that industry almost invariably gets when it has a major economic problem.

If you will look again at the list of things I mentioned above which the farmer finds hard to understand, you will see at once that they are all matters in which only the Government can act with any kind of effectiveness.

I am convinced, for example, that the United Kingdom market for Canadian farm produce can be re-opened regardless of the dollar shortage. I do not agree with Mr. Gardiner's belief that everything is rosy in the Canadian farm scene. I must say that I was most disappointed when I heard him say in the House of Commons, the other day (March 23rd) "Canadian farmers are in a better position to pay their taxes at present than ever before."

VILLAGE OF STOUFFVILLE PROCLAMATION

Daylight Saving

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will become effective in this Municipality at 2.00 A.M. on SUNDAY, APRIL 26TH, by order of a resolution passed at the last meeting of the Council. All citizens are requested to co-operate.

By order of the Council,
HENRY OGDEN, Reeve.

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