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NOTES and COMMENTS

Plan To Enjoy Retirement

If you don't plan a retirement correctly you just won't enjoy it. Every person should have some sort of plans so that they may spend their leisure hours doing something that will make them happy. If they don't then retirement won't be anything to look forward to. Now is the time to do this and don't forget — it is better to plan too much than not enough — select an activity you know and enjoy — one that puts you under some pressure and tension — hobbies are a good thing to consider when you plan your activities for the future. Start them now, so that you can enlarge on them when your retirement time arrives.

Some people have dreamed of a few acres near some small town so that they can raise their own products and have a few chickens. Others have wood-working hobbies where they can sell them and keep themselves occupied, as well as some revenue. Collecting stamps is a good hobby if started early enough. Some spend the Winter in Florida and Summer in Canada. They always have something to look forward to. There are plenty of other ways to enjoy your retirement, and now is the time to plan, so that doubts and fears will not spoil it. —The Canadian Statesman.

The Right To Vote

The right to vote is something that every Canadian citizen should be interested in with the approach of the federal election. The enumerators have been at work in and around Stouffville and throughout the riding and their work is complete. All those with whom they were able to make contact, and who possess the necessary qualifications, can feel assured that their names are on the voters' list when they go to cast their ballots on Aug. 10th. However, there are probably quite a number of eligible voters who would be away at the time the enumerators called and their names may or may not have been on the voters' list when it was made up. It is these people that attention is called to the need for taking early action to remedy the situation.

There is nothing more embarrassing to the persons who take voting seriously than to go to the polls on election day and find that their name is not on the voters' list. Thus if there is the slightest doubt as to their name being correctly listed they should take immediate steps to check with the returning officer.

Education Softer Through Lack of Examinations

The view that education has become softer through lack of examinations is shared by many including this newspaper. Ontario has had time to assay, and some educators are assaying very dubiously, the benefits, if any, accrued by the abolition of most examinations.

At one time, not merely did elementary school pupils have to pass an entrance examination to the high school, or, for rural pupils, a more advanced Public School Leaving — but in the secondary institution there were primary, junior matriculation and senior matriculation hurdles to be surmounted. Like so many other of the "new fangles" in our education, much of the former good appears to be left behind much to the detriment of the pupils once they get "on their own." Even in public school the lack of the old-fashioned, "readin', writin' and 'rithmetic, is very evident and many a business man in engaging teenagers for work can testify to this statement.

Alberta, seemingly, is pondering the same problem for the Lethbridge Herald bluntly poses the question: "Should all school examinations be abolished?" Or should the departmental examinations be reinstated in Grades X and XI in which they were abolished some years ago? With education so much in the public eye these days it is only natural that these questions be asked.

The Calgary Herald says—

"Abolition of these exams. has made school life softer and adult life harder and it is a dirty trick to play on our youth. Let's apply just a little common sense to our progressive education theories."

Reaction in such movements is inevitable but whether it is justified depends on the facts.

The formal examinations, set by the department and with special examiners marking anonymous papers, had a certain disciplinary value. At each important age of his upward progress through the secondary school, the pupil had definite objectives and a definite test of his ability.

"We've softened up a lot since those days, and a lot of people are wondering whether our young people are the better for being able to avoid the self-discipline which examinations impose. Or is that a too mid-Victorian view in these days of progress?" is the final pointed comment of the Calgary newspaper.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



For Parents Only

"Visit Our Canadian Parks!"

By Nancy Cleaver

"Mother, could we go on a trip this holiday? Why couldn't we visit one of our National Parks? They showed a film to the older pupils of a family camping at Banff. They had such fun!" Junior exclaimed when he came home from school. "We couldn't travel far this summer—but if a camping trip to one of the nearest parks turned out to be a good vacation for all of us,—we might take a longer jaunt another year. I really don't know how many national parks there are or where they are located."

"I'll write for information," Junior offered eagerly. "Teacher said the address was easy to remember — National Parks Branch, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa."

Recently the record for the number of visitors to our National Parks reached an all time "high"—with over two million visitors. Four-fifths of this total were native Canadians, and many of the group were family units.

Mothers and fathers with children mostly took advantage of the equipped camp grounds, trailer parks or modest bungalow cabins. There are luxurious hotels in some of our parks like Jasper Park Lodge. But a few days at one of our National Parks are not just within the reach of the wealthy. The parks provide a wonderful holiday setting for a great many people who must budget carefully.

Canada's system of National Parks began away back sixty-seven years ago when the area around the hot mineral springs at Banff in the Rocky Mountains was set apart for the use of the public. In 1951, Fundy, the twenty-eighth link in the chain of parks across the Dominion was opened on the East Coast. Fundy is in the rugged forest region halfway between Moncton and St.

John. Detailed information about any one park or about all of them can be obtained by writing to Ottawa, and anyone who looks over this literature will be impressed. What a wonderful system of National Parks we have stretching right across our thousand miles!

The functions served by our National Parks are many. Fun relaxation, a change of scene, are uppermost in the minds of most holiday folk. All of these can be found at our national parks and the varied accommodation can fit almost any family budget.

These parks do preserve the primitive beauty of mountain slopes, the countryside, island areas, river valleys, countryside and sea coast for this and future generations. The national historic park sites are windows through which visitors can catch a glimpse of days gone by. They are of special use to children studying history—just as wild life and bird sanctuaries are a stimulus to observations of natural scientific phenomena both by students and just ordinary folk. The protection of animals and birds given in these special areas is of great value too.

Eighty per cent of the visitors to our parks are Canadians. The total combined area of these parks, over twenty-eight thousand miles, comprises a great investment in our national life. These parks are dedicated to the people of Canada—"for their benefit, education and enjoyment."—These benefits can only be appreciated "first-hand"—so do give priority to a visit to a National Park in some part of Canada in your Vacation Plans this year!

Likely you will enjoy yourself so much that you will want to travel farther afield another summer to a different park. The more inter-provincial vacationing we can do as families, the greater will be our appreciation and understanding of other parts of our Dominion. Travel, in the right spirit, within a vast county like ours, the third largest country in land area in the world, can be a wonderfully unifying force. So best luck to you with your National Park Adventure!

BYGONE DAYS

From the Files of the Tribune 17 Years Ago

Reeve Padget and Deputy Reeve James Rennie were congratulated on Monday for putting through county council the taking over of the 6th con. of Markham by the County and relieving the twp. of the heavy burden of carrying it. Clerk Hoover reported that unpaid taxes in July totalled \$32,843.

A forty ton car of coal was placed in the bins at the big "knowledge plant" last week, which will be a comfort and necessity for the children and teaching staffs during the next winter season. The school furnace consumes forty to fifty tons each year.

It has been a long climb to the top for pitcher Earl Cook but it appears now that the Lemonville Flash has made the grade. In three games, Cook has allowed but two earned runs, with two shutouts over Rochester 3-0 and Buffalo 2-0.

Thirteen pupils of Stouffville Public School obtained their High School entrance standing without writing the final examination, in addition the following seven who wrote have been successful, also one outside pupil. The pupils in alphabetical order are: Ruth Clarkson, Jessie Chamberlain, Irwin Borinsky, Betty Leslie, Marjorie Muston, Irwin Raxlin, Geraldine Stouffer, Norman Davis.

Rev. L.E. Atkinson with his wife, son and daughter, arrived in Stouffville on Thursday night from Windermere, Muskoka taking up residence in the United Church parsonage which had been vacated only that morning when Rev. Thos. Laidlaw and family left for Toronto.

The Brock Road from Clarendon to Brougham is to be treated with a preparation of clay and calcium as a dust layer, which is fine for a dirt road until such time as a tarvia top is put on the road from Stouffville to Goodwood, and Uxbridge, the county of Ontario would do well to lay the dust in Uxbridge in the manner they propose to abate the nuisance in Pickering Twp.

The Brierbush Hospital has instituted an ambulance service, and will be prepared to transport patients and attend accident cases conveying sick or injured in the greatest of riding comfort. The car provides a full length portable bed on rubber mounted wheels on which the patient may be wheeled to or from the ambulance.

EDITOR'S MAIL

TORONTO, Ont. July 20th, 1953

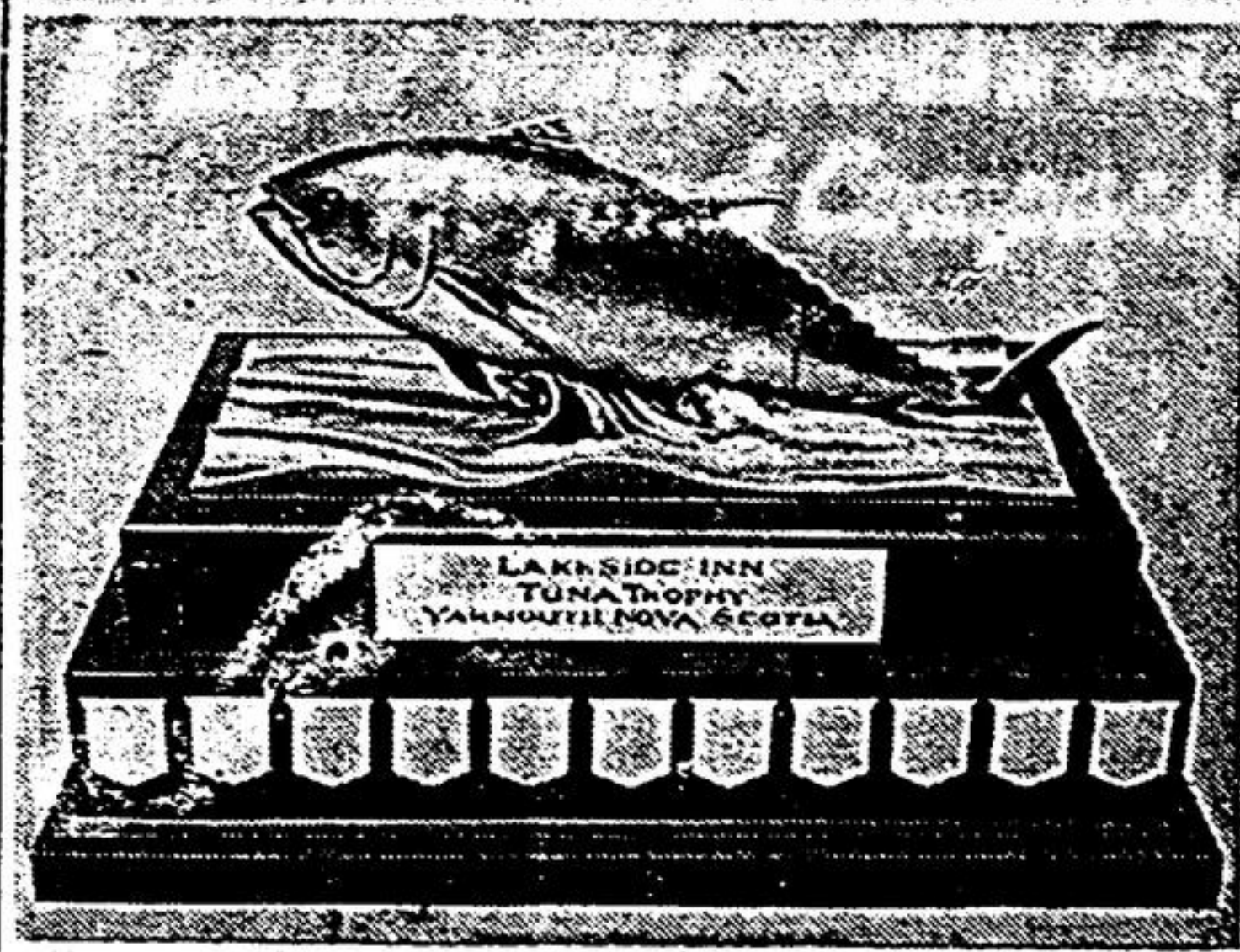
Editor, "THE TRIBUNE", STOUFFVILLE, Ontario

Dear Sir: There were two points in that news story "Former Premier Addresses Farmers' Annual Meeting" which had special interest to me; first, this reference to the thoughts expressed by Mr. E.C. Drury: "This fine old gentleman with his heart in Canadian farming deplores the declining farm population, the empty farms, the useless barns as alarming conditions . . ."; and second, "Dissatisfaction was expressed in the discussion session at the manner in which officials (at Ottawa and elsewhere) quote farm figures and fail to make clear whether they speak of gross income or net income."

On both the above counts, this reader is in agreement with the views expressed. Just so long as the productivity of today's mechanized agriculture served by an unusually friendly weatherman, can continue to 'deliver the goods', I suppose it can be expected that our scientists and our urban minded technologists should point with pride at the fact that in today's Canadian scene we have 1 farm worker to 4 non-farm workers, and that we produced the greatest food and fiber crops last year in the whole history of Canada, as one of the national advertisers puts it "with 40,000 fewer farm workers than as recently in 1939."

So far, so good. I would be among the last to stress minimizing the above achievement. Nonetheless, it doesn't take more than a student's eyes to discern, immediately beneath the glamorized and enamel surface of the above tribute to mechanized agriculture, the real dangers to which the above speaker drew attention. All that this layman feels like adding by way of comment, is that when apparently the 'goose hangs high' in those industrial towers, it becomes easier (under the current trends) for the Weatherman to 'atomise' the hopes and targets of the assembly line economists?

I feel like supporting the viewpoint as to the need to differentiate between the gross and net farm revenues. After all, it is the NET that really counts. Last year's operating costs on our 615,000 farms called for \$1,415,000,000. It costs real money to farm these days! P.P.C.L.I.



One of the most beautiful of the Lakeside Inn, a Canadian Pacific Railway summer resort at Yarmouth, N.S., the trophy is to be kept at the Inn and the winner's name will be inscribed annually on a shield to be placed on the trophy. This is the first year that the competition has been held, but it will be open each year during the period that the Lakeside Inn is in operation—usually from the last week of June to mid-September. All entries must be in by October 1 and a winner will be declared on Oct. 15.

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8.00 o'clock

PROCLAMATION

As Reeve of the Municipality of Stouffville, I hereby proclaim Monday, August 3rd, 1953,

CIVIC HOLIDAY

and being the 76th Municipal Anniversary, I would request that all businessmen and householders observe the holiday in honour of the occasion.

HENRY OGDEN, Reeve, Village of Stouffville.

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