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NOTES and COMMENTS

Meters for the Parking Problem

Stouffville Chamber of Commerce has been discussing for many months now the problem of parking facilities in town and various suggestions have been put forth as a means of providing more accommodation, the latest being the installation of parking meters.

We do not believe that the problem is nearly as great as some of the townsmen attempt to paint and therefore can see no wisdom in spending any great sum for added parking space, particularly in the downtown area where commercial space is at a premium. Certainly any attempt to use valuable commercial property on the south side of Main St. for parking would be ridiculous in our estimation. Two good parking lots are already provided, one at the United Church and one at the Arena. Some added space has also been provided to the rear of Hendricks Hardware.

Other suggestions have been to remove some of the curbs east of Church St. for boulevard parking and the curb on the hill near O'Brien Ave. This latter move would be quite acceptable as this hill has been a bottleneck for twenty years.

Latest proposal has been for the installation of parking meters and if, as is reported, no capital cost is involved in the installation, we believe the idea a good one. Chief benefit would be to reserve the best parking space on Main St. for customers, since it is not likely that those who merely wish to park their cars as a grandstand on open nights, would be inclined to keep feeding a parking meter. It was also thought that the customers could use the metered spaces for shopping and then move on to one of the lots provided if they wished to remain in town to visit or attend some entertainment. It would appear useless to install further signs leading to these parking lots but the meters might just provide the compulsion necessary.

Some members of the Chamber have voiced the opinion that too many folks merely come to town on open nights to visit. Frankly, we're only too happy to see all the folks who wish, come to town open nights to visit. While they themselves may not be cash customers, they certainly provide some of the best advertisement the merchants could have. Crowds bring crowds and the greater the crowds the greater the percentage of buyers.

Never Sign Your Name For Strangers

If just ordinary folks, the householders, the workers and those who try for a lifetime to save a little money for the rainy day, would learn one salutary lesson, there would be an end to the heart-aches which occur too often because someone signs a paper without knowing its contents.

Recently some smart racketeers have been covering Ontario, rapping at the doors of elder citizens and representing themselves to be bank officials and income tax officers.

By a clever subterfuge they obtain the bank book and also the signature of its owner for special "filing in the bank." The income tax officer, so-called, says he must see the bank book to report the balance to the department at Ottawa.

The gullible who have signed at the request of the racketeers actually signed a blank cheque without knowing it. Some have lost hard-earned and hard-saved money.

People calling and asking for a signature should be referred to the police.

Persons not used to legal processes and forms will spare themselves trouble by refusing to sign anything unless advised by one well qualified to advise them.

Municipal Speed Zoning

An amendment to the Highway Traffic Act introduced by Hon. George H. Doucett in effect permits municipalities to establish speed zones within their boundaries.

Although municipalities will have to show cause and obtain the Minister's approval, the principle of speed zoning is recognized, and the amendment represents a withdrawal from the position Mr. Doucett previously held. In abandoning the contention that uniformity is desirable and that speed zones would cause confusion, the Minister has reacted generously and reasonably to the arguments of local traffic experts, municipal councils, school boards, and home and school associations, all of whom have maintained that speed zoning is realistic and necessary.

In its present form, the amendment will permit municipalities to apply to the Department for authority to reduce speed limits in built-up areas from 30 miles per hour to 25, and to increase the limit on arterial roads. What the higher speed will be has not as yet been stated, but it has been indicated that it will be 40 miles per hour. If that is the case, there will be grounds for objection that 40 mph on certain metropolitan arteries is still too low, and it may also be contended that 25 mph in certain built-up areas is still too high.

However, the main point to be acknowledged at this time is the fact that the principle of speed zoning is introduced and will enable speeds to be set, within the defined limits which will be more in conformity with local conditions and requirements. Experience should lead to future adjustment of those limits to make the speeds even more conformable.

The action Mr. Doucett has taken with regard to speeds within municipalities raises hopes that he will also do something about the speed limit on provincial highways. There is no question of the prevailing 50 miles per hour being unrealistic. There is no doubt that it is consistently and generally unobserved by motorists. A law that is universally disregarded because it offends common sense is a foolish law. Wise legislators will see to it that their enactments command respect. —The Telegram.



For Parents Only

"Keep The Patient Happy"

By Nancy Cleaver

"Junior's prescription is two weeks in bed. Keep the small patient happy. He's out of danger now, so you don't have to worry," the doctor says heartily as he makes his departure.

You feel relieved... and very weary. What plans can you make for your child during fourteen long days in bed?

In the first place it is well for a mother to realize that her own attitude is of tremendous importance. A mother just has to keep up her courage and look on the bright side at a time of family upheaval. Junior is sick but he will get better. His recovery will be a lot more pleasant and quicker too, if he does not suspect that mother is worrying about him. This is no time for anxious thoughts. Fatigue, with the extra work which a patient in the house means is sometimes so great that a mother finds it very hard not to be irritable and depressed. For that reason she should cut out any unessentials in her day, and plan to get a little more rest.

The doctor's orders should be implicitly followed. A mother should make sure she understands clearly his instructions and then follow them to the letter. Friends and neighbours and relatives too, may think they have much wiser ways of treating this particular illness. You may have to listen politely to their ideas, but hold fast to the resolution that the doctor is the person who is in full command of your child's recovery.

Map out your child's day so that there is a routine which is followed with time to wash, breakfast, tidying up the patients' room, free time for Junior to amuse himself, a fruit drink, more free time, dinner with a rest after his meal and definite things to do during the remainder of the day. If Junior can write he may enjoy working out with you his own schedule, and tacking his own copy up on the wall. A day broken into different hours of purposeful activity does not seem to stretch out endlessly.

A patient, even a young one must learn to spend part of his time happily by himself. A mother must be careful that her child's eyes are not strained by reading or handiwork during a convalescent stretch. Listening to the radio, singing favorite songs, making up and telling a story are all activities which are "easy on the eyes."

One of the most enjoyable occupations during a lying-in-bed stretch is reading. The librarian always has good suggestions about books. On the Bookshelf of New Books by Canadian authors there are two recent ones published by Ryerson Press which help a school child with history and science studies. These are *Breadplate and Buckskin* by George E. Tait and Peter, the Sea Trout by Mel Thistle.

Children love handiwork and a small patient should have crayons if he likes to color, blunt scissors for cutting out pictures or designs, and other play material. Simple weaving, sewing or knitting are other possible occupa-

tions. If there is a portable phonograph in the house a child can have many happy hours playing it himself. A big calendar on the wall, with each day stroked off at night time, makes a child feel that his time in bed is passing.

A sick child needs more attention than a healthy one, but parents must not allow him to become a small dictator. If he is an only child or if his illness has been very serious and they have been very anxious about him this can easily happen. Nor should the parent in his zeal to get the child better assume the dictator's role. There is no point in trying to force a sick-a-bed child to eat large meals or sleep a certain number of hours. Appetite is apt to be fickle and sleep broken during sickness. But with returning health, these will right themselves. If the doctor says the child's progress is satisfactory parents can rejoice and get through the convalescence days as happily as possible for everyone in the family.

Meeting Rejects Move To Elect Rural Trustees

A move to have high school trustees throughout the rural sections of the province elected by ratepayers instead of appointed by councils was defeated at the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Rural Municipalities last week.

Albert Lavigne Cornwall Township defending the decision said it is becoming more difficult to get good men to allow their names to stand for election. However he added we can acquire their services by appointing them to high school boards.

Other delegates argued that because school boards spent so much money they should be directly responsible to the people. People may wish a change of trustee they said but would not want to upset a council to get it.

However the delegates agreed with James Dillon Raleigh Township who said appointment of trustees has been set out as one of the responsibilities of councillors. Council should make its appointments carefully he added to make sure they name men and women who have the confidence of the people.

GLEN MAJOR

Thursday March 11, 1954
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson, Pine Grove, visited Friday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wilson, Balsam, Mr. Allan Jones and Miss Margaret Winter, Newmarket, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Johnson, George and Linda visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Langille and David spent a few days this week in London.

Mr. Alec Hingston and boys of Toronto spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Hing-

PINE ORCHARD

Thursday, March 11, 1954
Congratulations to our newly wedded Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Stuckwood who were married on Sat. The bride was the former Joan Sytema, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sytema.

Sorry to report Mr. J. Pyle is on the sick list.
Mrs. W. Reid, Miss Helen, Mr. Gibney and Mr. Bogg were tea guests on Sunday with Mrs. Geo. Wood.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehman and family were Sunday guests at the Widdifield home here.
Mrs. Walt Johnston spent Monday with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sheridan of Oakville were visitors with relatives here over the weekend.

GREENWOOD

Thursday, March 11, 1954
Well March certainly came in like a lion, and here's hoping the old saying is right that it will go out like a lamb.

The Evening W.A. will hold their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Webb on Wednesday night, March 17th.

The many friends of Mrs. Walter Stevenson of Brooklin will regret to hear of her illness, she is in the Oshawa Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Burroughs of Brooklin and the Smiths of Toronto were Sunday guests at the F. Byer's home.

Miss Glenna Minaker of the Oshawa Hospital was home over the weekend.

The little children of Doug and Mrs. Morden are feeling better after the flu.

The World Day of Prayer, held in the Kinsale Church last Friday was very well attended. Mrs. Glen Eastwood contributed a solo during the program and Miss M. Brown gave the address. All woollens and cottons are to be in by March 12th to Mrs. Wm. Harbron.

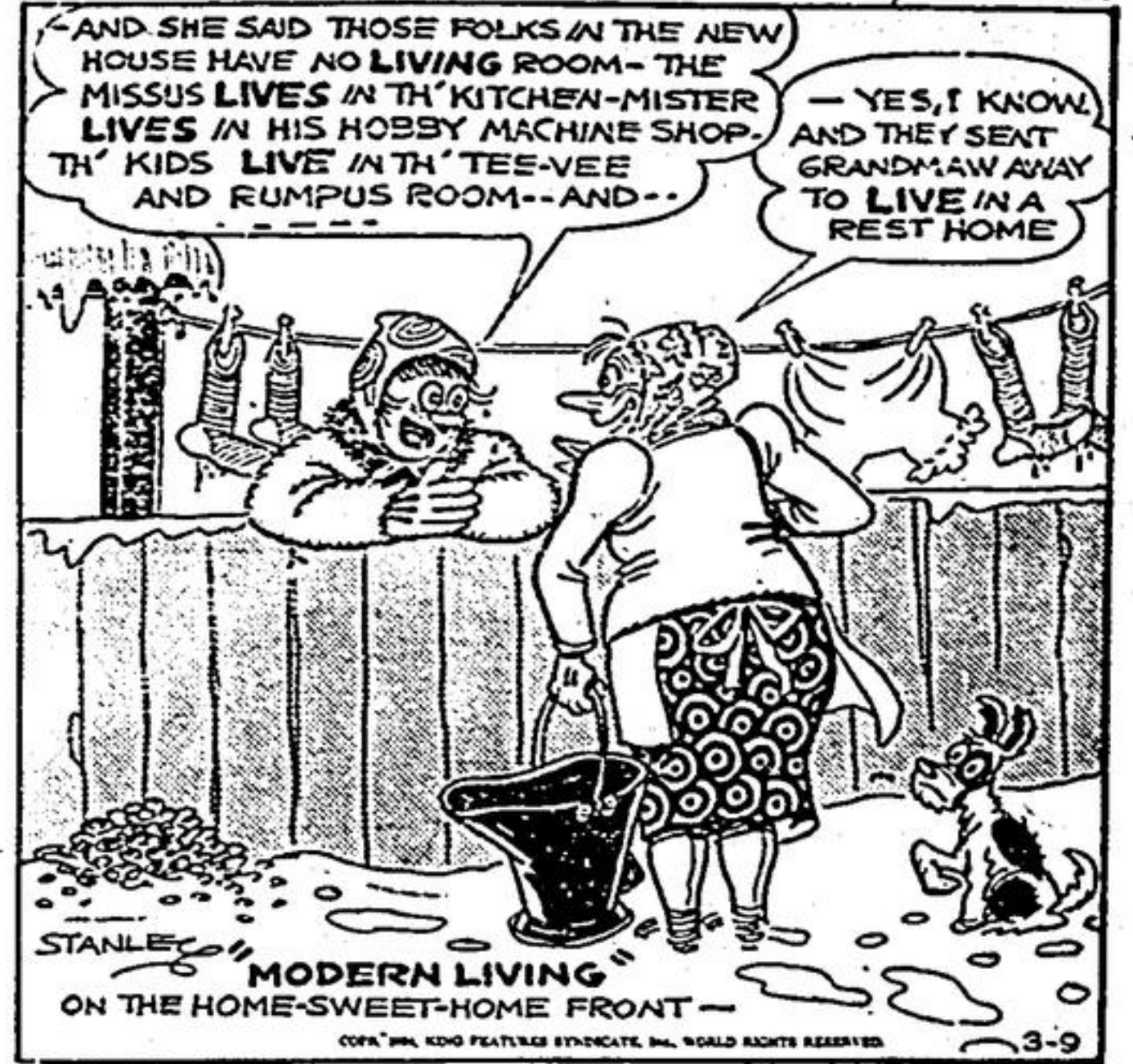
The Euchre of last Friday night in the school house had for the winners, Ladies, Mrs. G. McTaggart and May Brown, Gents, Mr. I. McLean and Fred Byers. Another one will be held this Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones and Shirley visited Sunday with Mrs. F. Walls and boys, Brooklin.
Misses Betty Risebrough and Shirley Jones were storm stayed in Uxbridge a couple of nights last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fiss and Edgar, Miss Hazel Jones, Mrs. C. Fiss spent one day last week in Oshawa.

Miss Hazel Jones spent Sunday at her home.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



DEATH, THE COLLECTOR

Death, the collector, came to him and said:
"I want the payment of your drink and bread!"

I want the price which tenants all must pay
For having occupied a house of clay.

This is the bill which cannot be denied."
"Please call another time," the man replied.

"I'm sorry, but to-day I'm not prepared.
I really thought your master little cared

How long this lease of mine on earth should run.
I've planned some work which still is far from done.

There's still a hill or two I wish to climb,
Come back, collector, at some other time."

"I've heard that story countless times before,"
Said the collector, standing at the door

"You say you want more time.
Well, Mr. Man,

Give me the date precisely, if you can.
Suppose I grant you five years more, or ten,

Are you quite sure that you will be ready then?

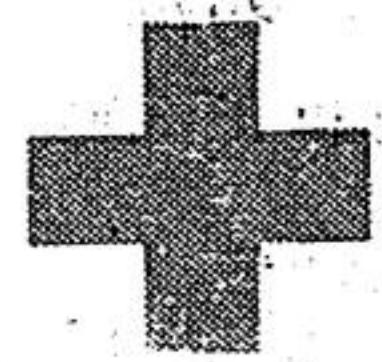
"When will your work be finished? Can you say
At fifty with a smile you'll go away?"

At sixty shall I call? And will you then
Be glad to quit the fellowship of men?"

Ah, no, my friend, only the Master knows
The day and hour life's mortgage to foreclose!"

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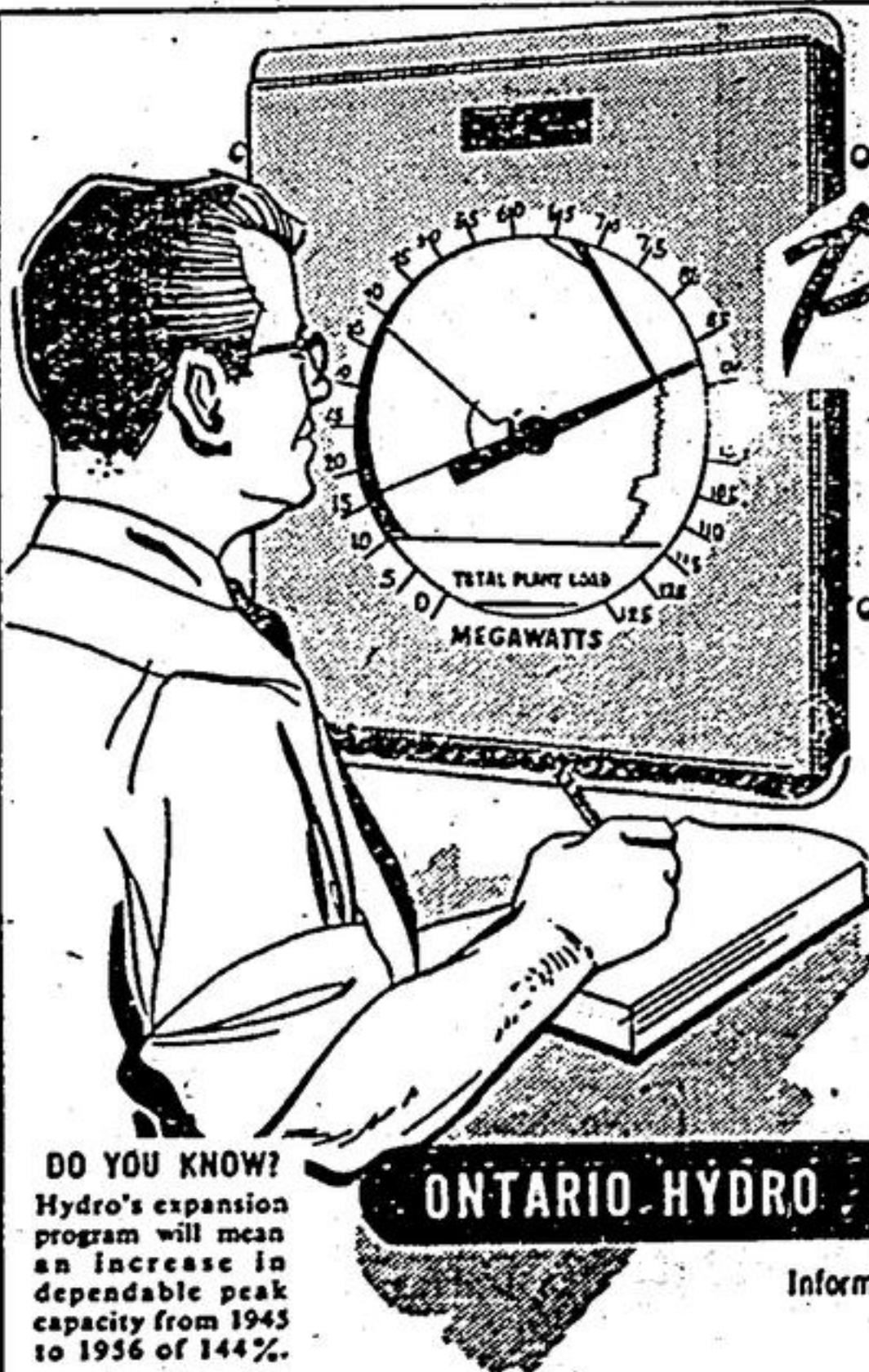
Chicago is a city of contrasts. Beautiful drives and parks, modern buildings and many centres of cultural activity are close neighbours to mysterious "Chinatown", the Mexican, Russian and Japanese sections, creating a metropolis of absorbing interest to the discerning traveller. You'll add pleasure to your trip by going the friendly way—by bus.

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