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Joint Sunday Evening Services

It has been a successful practice in other communities and could well be one in Stouffville, the holding of joint community church services on Sunday evening throughout the summer.

Fundamentally there is little difference in the various services despite all our denominations and a joint service in the summer on Sunday nights would certainly tend to weld our large local group of churches into closer association.

The services might even be held in the town park where the outdoor setting would most certainly increase attendance.

Secure Car Doors Before Starting

When a woman driver was tossed out of her moving car on the Prescott highway as she reached to close the door on her side, it seemed like a "freak accident." Fortunately she escaped injury.

Automobile accidents can happen in so many ways and an unexpected plunge from an open door is always a possibility unless adequate precaution is taken.

Commenting on this type of accident the Brockville Recorder and Times wonders, like so many of the rest of us, how it could happen as in the case of the woman driver on the Prescott highway when so many safety devices and modern equipment are standard on recent model cars.

It points to the wisdom of having all doors secured before the car is in motion — and, if necessary, lock the car doors to make doubly sure that no one will fall out and be killed.

Provincial Police Good Arrangement

We certainly agree with the Oshawa Times which takes exception editorially to a proposal by Commissioner E. V. McNeill, head of the Ontario Provincial Police, that the 200 provincial police now assigned to municipal detachments in 88 municipalities in the province be taken out of this job and placed on highway patrol.

Stouffville is one of the 88 municipalities working under provincial contract and the citizens are quite pleased with the arrangement. The Times comments:

It would be interesting to know if Commissioner McNeill was expressing only his own personal views on this subject, or if he was flying a kite for the attorney-general. The system whereby provincial police officers are made available to municipalities for policing, with the municipalities reimbursing the government for their costs, is very much a matter of government policy.

We can recall the first efforts made by Hon. G. D. Conant when he was attorney-general of Ontario to improve the standards of municipal policing by making provincial constables available to the municipalities for that purpose.

The 88 municipalities which have made agreements for the use of provincial police are finding the arrangement very satisfactory. And since they are paying the costs, they are likely to object to having these provincial officers taken away from them.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

OUR WILD FLOWERS

By Nancy Cleaver

"I will be the gladdest thing under the sun. I will touch a hundred flowers and not pick one."

Edna St. Vincent Millay wrote these lines in her poem "Afternoon to a Hill." They are "good words to memorize."

Is there any more joyous experience for a boy or girl than walking over hill and dale in the sunshine in the Spring-time? The little breeze carries wonderful scents of the good earth, and of growing things.

The birds are calling to each other in the trees, and the ground is soft and springy underfoot. There is a tang to the air and the sky is deep blue.

If the hiker is not too near a town or city the woods are likely gay with wild flowers. Fortune teaches him at an early age to enjoy the wild flower friends without picking them!

It is tragic that some of our loveliest wild flowers such as the trailing arbutus, the white trillium and the Lady's Slipper are becoming very rare in some areas. They have vanished completely from others because they have been thoughtlessly and ruthlessly picked.

Although the Maple Leaf is recognized in the four corners of the globe as Canada's symbol, it is interesting to know that each of our ten provinces chose a flower as its emblem.

Wears Coronation Gown In Portrait



This is the official state portrait of Queen Elizabeth the Second, which will hang in Buckingham Palace. It was painted by James Gunn over a six-month period, and will be shown in the summer exhibition of the British Royal Academy at London this year.

POLIO SHOTS FOR CANADIAN TOTS WOULD COST MORE THAN \$13,000,000

TORONTO (CP)—It would cost more than \$13,000,000 to provide a single dose of polio-fighting gamma globulin for each of the 3,500,000 children in Canada under the age of 15, a Canadian Red Cross official said yesterday.

Dr. Miller, reading an address prepared by Red Cross National Commissioner Dr. W. Stuart Stanbury, who was unable to be present, said that present processing facilities in Canada could not handle such vast amounts of blood.

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Notes and Comments

Unemployment And Public Works

The Dominion Government is wise in refusing to be stampeded into launching a program of public works to relieve the unemployment we have today.

Our experience during the depression should have taught us that the construction of public works is one of the most costly and one of the least effective means of creating employment, and should not be resorted to except in extreme cases.

We have unemployment today because some of our industries are unable to sell their products at prices that will cover their costs.

There is unemployment in the shipping industry because it costs so much to operate Canadian ships that nobody will buy their services.

There is unemployment in the agricultural implement industry because the farmers who buy their products have had their income reduced so drastically during the last two years that they can no longer afford to buy the products of workers whose wages have actually been rising while the farmers' incomes were falling.

Unemployment is threatened in many other industries because they can't sell their products at the prices they are asking.

No amount of public works will persuade Canadian shipping interests to put more ships on the ocean while it costs so much to operate them.

No amount of public works will enable farmers to buy more implements. Farmers are fully employed at home on their farms and have to be content with such earnings as the market affords them.

The remedy for unemployment in Canada today is a readjustment of prices and costs that will make it possible for Canadians to trade with each other on equitable terms.

If the government were to undertake a program of public works, it would be bound by its own laws to maintain the existing wage structure. Thus it would prevent the very adjustment that is needed to restore balance in the economy.

Driving While Impaired

It is interesting to note the number of people who are being convicted nowadays under that section of the provincial statutes which provides for a fine, on conviction, for drivers caught operating a vehicle while their ability is impaired.

About the only flimsy excuses which can be seen for ever introducing this "escape" charge are (a) that there was developing a shortage of jail accommodation and (b) that the impairment charge is a way of creating some quick money for the courts.

23 Canadian Stations By Christmas

625,000 Canadians Own TV Sets

Television, like anything else, should be taken in moderation.

Three-quarters of Canada's population will be within TV range by the end of the year, and the advent of television in any new area arouses discussion on its possible effects.

Since first becoming popular in England, TV began to show its influence in the United States in 1946 and 1947. Some Canadian communities within reach of American stations have known it that long.

Now more Canadian stations are opening each month—there will be 23 before Christmas—and at least 625,000 TV sets are in operation. The Radio and

Television Manufacturers Association of Canada figures Ontario has more than 400,000 sets, Quebec more than 170,000 and British Columbia more than 26,000. The rest are scattered throughout the country, and the figures increase as new stations go on the air.

Some patterns have already emerged. As the U.S. discovered earlier moving picture distributors say movie audiences decline as soon as television comes in. But one movie chain spokesman at Toronto says movie attendances rebound after a year or so.

The movies took aggressive steps to meet TV competition, including 3-D techniques, with dazzling colour (Colour-TV is still in a distant future for Canada.) The most hardened

TV fan will go to the movies occasionally.

Gross box-office receipts of one of Canada's largest movie theatre chains were higher in 1953 than 1952.

Radio set sales increased in volume even while television sales were setting records. The radio industry now sells more smaller sets, including automobile and portable models, but last year total radio sales were well behind television, on total value.

But most television owners find a radio is still needed. Around 700,000 radio sets were sold in Canada last year, more than any year except 1947 which saw the post-war boom.

Most popular television set for some time has been the 21-inch screen size, either table or console model. Sizes generally range from 17 to 24 inches, with corresponding increase in price. The 24-inch, however, is pretty big for the average living-room.

One question that crops up in every new TV area, is whether television is harmful to eyesight. Dr. A. Lloyd Morgan, chief ophthalmologist at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children, told a medical forum in Toronto:

"I was asked this question so often when TV first came out that I got a set and experimented. That was some years ago and apparently TV hasn't done any harm, since I now see well with weaker glasses."

Surveys in the United States indicate that in big cities, a little more than half the TV sets will be tuned in to one of the week's top programs. About a quarter will be watching other stations. The rest will be turned off.

Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, which has televised professional and amateur hockey

games for some time, still has capacity attendances.

"Television has made a lot of new fans for us," says Spiff Evans, publicity director for the Gardens. National Hockey League games there, televised every Saturday night since 1952, have had capacity attendance for eight years in a row.

Attendances steadily increased at the junior hockey games televised Sunday afternoons. The Thursday night wrestling shows also are drawing bigger houses.

So Canadians are taking television in their stride. A spokesman for a large oil company at Toronto was asked if anybody had discovered whether TV was having any effect on motoring. After all, you can't drive a car and watch television at the same time; at least, not yet.

"The only answer I can suggest," he replied, "is that more cars are on the road than ever before."

"When denied something he wants, a monkey often goes in to a cage," says a zoologist. Sometimes it would seem that monkeys are no better than people.

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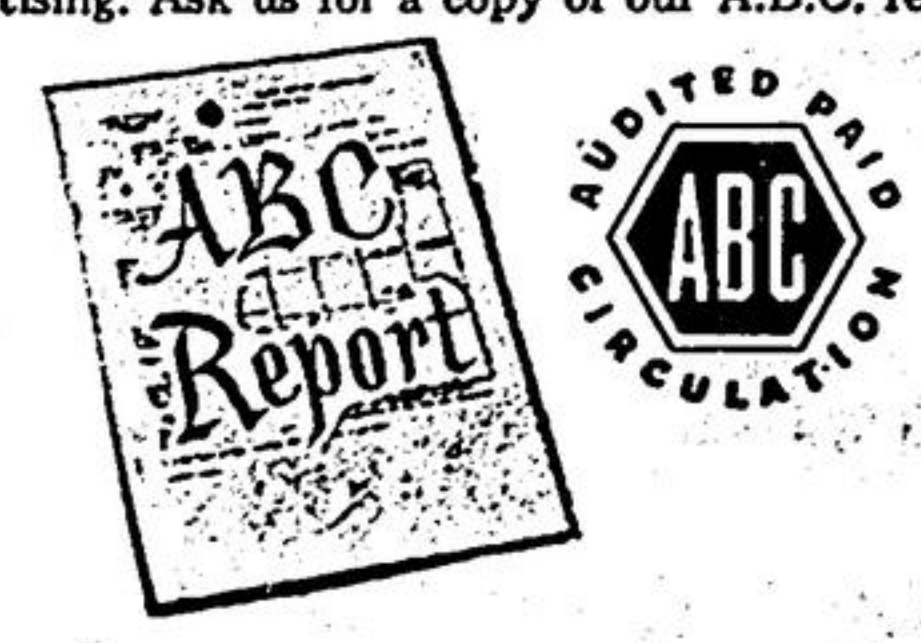


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