

THE STOUFFVILLE TRIBUNE

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Notes and Comments

Always Knocking

In the postoffice one day last week we overheard one of our citizens in town predicting that Stouffville would never get an industry to locate here because the town would never give anything away and furthermore senior citizens who had influence in such matters didn't want industry and would do everything to put stumblingblocks in the way of the town obtaining industry.

We don't know how accurate this gentleman might be with his predictions or his tales of the past but we venture to say he is far off the beam. With Toronto's industrial tide rolling ever northward, for Stouffville not to have any industry in the next ten years would be quite a record, even for the dearest town, which ours is not. It stands to reason that we're bound to have success sometime—just the law of averages.

Apart from that, we don't like his attitude. And we think that his sort of thinking has prevented Stouffville from doing a lot of things that might have been done a long time ago. Too many people, alas, are like the gentleman in the postoffice. He forgets another aspect of his statement as well, that the "they" to whom he refers as not knowing how to run things, is after all, really himself. He puts citizens in responsible positions where they can or cannot open the doors to industry and he, too, has the opportunity to be one of these people himself at election time.

We might be more irked by the statement if it weren't for the fact that we've a hunch the gentleman will be disappointed to find several industries located here within the next ten years.

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Filling In Idle Hours for Youth

The boredom of summer holidays for most children is one of the problems of the long vacation period away from schools. It is difficult for youngsters fully to occupy their time. Idle hours, in addition to creating boredom, are also dangerous hours because idle minds are easy prey of evil.

In recent years many types of schools and healthful diversions have sprung up to give evil plenty of competition in the struggle for control of the juvenile mind.

Bible schools, summer camps, playgrounds and in some instances schools in various types of craftsmanship contribute to filling what would otherwise be idle hours for children.

There is no period that holds greater moral hazard for the young than summer holidays unless they are programmed.

Competent leadership for the young minds away from school is a scarce factor and sufficient finances to provide idle youth with plenty of wholesome, healthful and educational activity is also a lack.

The problem is being handled more effectively than it was two and three decades ago. While great strides have been made there are still many heights to be scaled before the problem of youth and idle summer days is solved.

Canadian universities graduate about 12,000 students annually.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gren Draper and family attended the G.M. picnic in Oshawa on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Joyce Howard, Toronto, is spending a time with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Bielby.

Joanne Draper, also Marie and Lorraine Draper are holidaying for a few days with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Draper.

Mrs. Zellers and Alta, Stouffville, were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Green Draper and family.

Master Brian McAloney, with his aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Wilton, at Hillside, left on Sunday to spend 3 weeks holiday with his grandmother in Nova Scotia.

Birthday greetings to Mrs. E. Carruthers, also to Ruth Ann, who had another birthday on July 25th.

Miss Eileen Draper recently spent some holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wagg in Stouffville.

Miss Nelda Booth, Stouffville, spent Friday with Ruth Ann Carruthers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Avis, daughter Ann, of Markham, also Mr. Charles Becroft and sister Carolyn of Whitby, were supper guests with Carruthers on Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Dunkled spent a few days in Stouffville with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Wagg.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and family, of Ajax, called Sunday afternoon at the Carruthers home.



One-two-three HUP!

EVER GIVE a "leg up" to a knight in full armour? In a recent film about Joan of Arc the movie makers got over this weighty problem by dressing the actress who played the title part in a suit of armour made of aluminum. Result: shooting, including scenes showing Joan mounting her horse, proceeded on schedule.

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THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

CHOOSING THE BEST

(Lesson for August 8)

Matt. 6:19-24; Gal. 5:16-23; Phil. 1:19-24; 1 Thes. 5:21, 22; Golden Text—And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; that ye may approve things that are excellent.—Phil. 1:10.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson

If any preacher or teacher wants to learn skill in the use of illustrations, he can do no better than study the illustrations of the Bible. The Old and New Testaments are both rich in this treasure. It will be found, too, that those who use them differ in the fields to which they turn for their pictures. Take Paul. He was a man of the city, and drew his illustrations largely from life as a city man would see it. He was well acquainted with the sight of the Roman legionnaire, while every city of note had its games. War and athletics, then, supplied him with many an effective lesson.

Our Lord turned elsewhere for most of His illustrations. Nature, and the common tasks of everyday life, supplied Him with the material for many of His greatest lessons. They come close to us, whether we are from the city or the country. Country folks are very much at home with these references to birds and flowers and sowing and reaping and sheep and asses, while city folks sense the restfulness of these illustrations from the quieter life.

I have used illustrations—good ones, too—drawn from spheres with which only some specialists were acquainted, and they fell absolutely flat. I have used other illustrations so simple and homey that I was almost ashamed to give them to an adult congregation, and they have been remembered long after. The parents got the point, and so did the children. Usually what I borrowed from a book of illustrations did not reach first base, but when I related some incident that took place in the kitchen the preceding week, I made a home run. Let us not forget that the illustrations must be bathed in prayer.

Verse by Verse Matt. 6:25—"Take no thought what ye shall eat... drink... put on. Is not the life more?" Meat, drink, and dress are the chief thought of multitudes, but Christ dismisses them as not worth an anxious thought. Life has bigger meanings.

Verse 26—"Behold the fowls... they sow not, neither... reap, nor gather into barns... your heavenly Father feedeth them." The birds are exhibit A. The "yet" in the King James Version suggests some incongruity between their not sowing, reaping, storing, and their being fed. The Greek "and" makes the two perfectly in agreement.

Verse 27—"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?" This verse does not deal with becoming taller, but with lengthening one's life. Anxiety will rather shorten it! See American Standard Version.

Verse 28—"Consider the lilies... they toil not, neither do they spin." The wild flowers are Exhibit B, to the same effect. As the sowing, and so forth, of verse 26 was the man's work, so the woman's work appears in this verse. Perhaps man's greater appetite for food, and woman's greater love for dress, are also in mind.

Verse 29—"Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these." Yet it is not a woman, but a man, that is given as the example of gorgeous attire. But the beauty of the wild flower far surpasses the clothing fashioned by man.

Verse 30—"The grass of the field... cast into the oven... much more... you?" How quickly the flowering grass withers beneath the burning sun! Then it is used to heat the portable ovens. God's care for the so-short-lived grass argues His care for us.

Verse 31—"What shall we eat? What shall we drink? Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" This "take no thought" includes the anxious thought of the poor for bare subsistence, and the vixing thought of the rich for ever more luxury and splendor.

Verse 32—"These things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth... Two reasons for not worrying about these things: (1) It is a heathenish practice, and (2) there is no need for it when our Father knows our needs.

Verse 33—"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Put first things first. "If we make God's business ours, He will make our business His."

Phil. 1:9—"that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment." We never can have an excess of love. True love is the pathway of knowledge and behaves itself with fine discernment.

Verse 10—"... approve things that are excellent... sincere and without offence till the day of Christ." Such knowledge and discernment would lead to an immediate recognition of

the highest forms of conduct. This in turn makes for genuineness which does not make others stumble. Such is the life we should live in view of the coming of the Lord.

Verse 11—"filled with the fruits of righteousness... by Jesus Christ, unto the glory of God." Compare Galatians 5:22; Hebrews 12:11. Both our righteousness, and all that springs from it, are through Christ, issuing in God's glory.

Chap. 18—"whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, of good report; if there be any virtue, any praise, think on these things." Here is direction for our thought life. If the mind is full of such things, there will be no room for low and sordid thought. But thought must issue in conduct.

The Heart of the Lesson Two things our Lord commands regarding our attitude to earthly things: don't be covetous of more than you need, and don't be careful of what you need. The first of these thoughts He expounds in Matthew 6:19-24, and the second in verses 25 to 32. The danger of the first is that worldly good, here represented as mammon, becomes a master, dominating the life over which only God should have control. Where mammon is master, God truly rules a life, mammon is in its proper place, as servant. Earthly treasures are a poor thing upon which to set our hearts, or to which to give our hearts, for they quickly perish and pass away, leaving us not only stripped of that to which we cling, but spiritually desolate.

Worrying about what we need is no better. While it is true that things to eat and things to drink and things to wear are necessities for this life, they are secondary things. There is a life bigger than can be nourished by these. And do not the birds of the air and the wild flowers rebuke us? Their nourishment and dress are provided by the Heavenly Father, to whom we mean very much more, and being created in His image and redeemed by the blood of His dear son, and received as His dear children. And what will anxiety accomplish? It certainly will not prolong our life nor add inches to our height (according to the meaning attached to verse 27), but will only display our unbelief.

There is a bigger, better choice for the child of God. God's Kingdom and righteousness are our supreme business, and if we really devote ourselves to these, God pledges His word to us that He will see to our earthly needs. Is there any better social security than that?

Paul's prayers certainly present God's intention for the life of the believer, and this in Philippians 1:9-11 is no exception. This is more than a prayer. It is a pattern of life which we are expected to choose. It is a life of progress, for it is "more and more." It is a life of love, a very reflection of the love of God. It is a life of control, directed by knowledge and fine discernment. It is a life on the highest plane of excellence, lived with a view to



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On Wed., July 14, the Ground Observer Corps held a meeting in the Claremont Community Hall. Host for the evening was Mr. Bob Greer.

The meeting was started with an interesting film. Flying officer Mr. McGuire gave a report on the success of Exercise "Check Point" and answered questions. Wings were presented to Chief Observer Bob Greer of Claremont by F.O. McGuire. A session on aircraft recognition was given by Chief Observer Bill Baker of Port Perry. To conclude the session a

the day of the Lord's coming again. It is a life which corresponds with that righteousness which is God's gift to us through Christ. It is a life which glorifies God. If we are satisfied with anything less, God is not. If we are satisfied with anything less, we do not know God as we ought. After all, we think what we choose to think. We do not have to think evil thoughts, and Paul has given us a very practical recipe to avoid them. Fill the mind so full of things that are true, honorable, righteous, pure, admirable, praiseworthy, and virtuous that they will crowd out intruding evil. Choose the good, and chase the evil.

CEDAR GROVE

The first Community Club meeting since the Garden Party was held Monday night at Ruby Reesor's. After comparing notes and quoting opinions expressed by this year's audience, it was generally decided that the 1964 show was perfect. There was a good turnout and the books balance. The committee is determined to attack next year's show with renewed enthusiasm and continue the reputation for a fine performance.

Mrs. L. C. Scott was hostess last Thursday evening for the community shower for Ila Reesor and Scotty Crichton who will be married in Cedar Grove this week. A great many friends joined the popular couple in a happy evening. Almost the entire evening was devoted to opening the many useful and beautiful gifts. Others who have entertained the bride elect are: Mrs. B. Thompson, Leaside, a presentation; Misses Jean Kennedy and Olivia Shadlock who gave a miscellaneous shower; Miss Louise Ryan, a linen shower and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crichton, a party and presentation. On August 3rd between 2 - 4:30 and 7 - 9 p.m. Mrs. Allan Reesor will open her home to all friends who would care to drop in and see the lovely gifts.

We are asking everyone in this vicinity to keep a sharp eye out for a chocolate brown dog, a Doberman Pinscher, who has been lost since last Saturday night. He is not in the habit of leaving home and his master, Paul Keller, is extremely worried about him and very anxious to hear any information about him. His name is Fritz. If you see him or know anything about him would you please call Markham 340.

model of a Russian Mig jet-fighter and an American Thunderbolt were shown by Bob Greer.

Present at the meeting were, from Myrtle, Chief Obs. Mrs. Lawrence and Mr. Lawrence; Pickering, Chief Obs. John Ashton; Stouffville, Chief Obs. Bill Sanders and Mrs. Sanders; Port Perry, Bill Baker and guest Roy Monroe; Claremont, Chief Obs. Bob Greer, Ann Keevil, Sandra Davis, WH Gliddon, Ken Dean.

Mrs. Lawrence gave a talk on how to report aircraft to the filter centre. Identity cards were presented to Sandra Davis and Ken and Allan Hockday of Goodwood. Also present was Fred Clubine, assistant Chief Obs., of Goodwood. The evening was ended with refreshments.



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