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# Notes and Comments

Store Hours

Closing the local stores on Wednesday- and again Friday night last week didn't go over very well with the general public, from reports received in this office. The local bank branch in particular brought the ire of many a customer as they closed down at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon after instituting a system of being open until 6 p.m. Fridays. Quite a number were caught with uncashed pay cheques for the weekend. While some stores did remain open Wednesday morning there was no formal announcement made the week previous and few knew of the move.

No doubt the long weekend caused inconvenience to people but it will be some years before New Year's falls on Saturday again, so there will be no repetition on that score. The Boxing Day holiday at Christmas met with better favour because it was general over the province.

The meeting of merchants this week, it is hoped will set a firm pattern for store opening throughout 1955 so that Stouffville is not accused of having a

hit-and-miss system.

#### The Age Barrier

A team of medical researchers in the United States has come to the conclusion that men and women are confronted by a mysterious invisible barrier at some time between the ages of 60 and 75. If they succeed in breaking through this barrier, they have a fairly good · chance of living to be 100.

· The barrier is described as a period in which certain biochemical and physical processes seem to reverse themselves and halt aging in some respects. Those who have passed through the barrier actually begin to grow younger in certain ways. Just why this happens is not known.

The researchers, who surveyed more than 1,000 persons between the ages of 80 and 100, came to the conclusion that most men and women die when they come to the barrier or when they are trying to pass through it. Those who succeed in hurdling the barrier have a good chance of being interviewed by reporters on their hundredth birthday and of giving their views on how to live to a ripe old age.

In this connection, it is noteworthy that Sir. Winsston Churchill celebrated his 80th birthday recently. Chances are he has passed through the mysterious barrier and may now look forward to possibly another score of years, during which he will grow younger in certain ways.

This news should be broken gently to the British Labor party and to the hopefuls of the Conservative party. Otherwise they may age prematurely.

-From the Winnipeg Tribune

## Cars That Derail Trains

At Beeton CPR crossing, described as affording an unrestricted view, a motorist drove into a speeding freight and derailed 11 cars. The automobile was dragged 200 yards, but the driver crawled out, the news report states, announcing, "I'm fine." Well, that's just dandy, but lives of the train crew were endangered, flying wheels just missed the station agent's living quarters, and damage to the cars is \$50,000.

The engineer of the CPR Dayliner, which hits 80 mph, sounded warnings in vain to a car approaching a crossing at Hornby. The driver, 82, was fatally injured. The train, with 70 passengers, swayed but kept the rail.

It would be easy to list numerous instances of the kind, including derailment by a truck of a through CNR passenger train east of Montreal. The company sued for \$250,000, and a settlement out of court was reached. Another car-train collision in Quebec resulted in a suit by the CNR for \$117,000 damages. Howard B. Chase, a member of the Transport Commission and former railway man, said recently that one crossing crash in every two or three is the result of a car being driven into a train.

Trains cannot swerve nor stop as quickly as highway vehicles. In general, the responsibility for care at crossings rests with the operators of motor vehicles. A jury award of \$40,000 damages to car passengers in a TH&B collision was thrown out by the Appeal Court. Indeed, the railways sue and collect a sizeable sum annually over crossing crashes, but nothing like full reimbursement.

One would expect that newspaper pictures of automobiles after encounters with trains would deter drivers from taking chances. Crossing "accidents" point up the desirability of stricter driving tests, and of. much heavier penalties for drunken and impaired -Toronto Telegram driving.

#### MAN'S PEDIGREE (Copled)

Three monkeys, sat on a cocoanut tree Discussing things as they're

said to be. Said one to the others, "Now listen, you two. There's a certain rumour that

can't be true, That man descended from our noble race -

The very idea is sure a disgrace; No monkey ever deserted his

Starved her bables and ruined her life; And you've never known

another monk To leave her bables with others to bunk,

Or pass them on from one to another Till they hardly knew which

one is their mother. And another thing you never will see -

cocoanut tree, And let the cocoanuts go to waste,

Forbidding all other monks a taste. Why, if I build a fence around this tree,

Starvation would force you to steal from me. And here's something else a monk won't do -Go out at night and get on a

stew -Or use a gun, or club, or knife To take some other poor monkey's life.

Yes, man descended - the ornery cuss -But Brother, he didn't descend

from us!"

THE CHRISTMAS LILY Emblem of Hope The children all from home have gone Like birdies from the nest

have flown. 'Tis Christmas Eve, and I can near No footfall echoing on the stair.

And from the halls all laughter's gone, . Such as was heard in days by-

The rooms upstairs are dark and cold, Not lighted as in days of old. Things are so different. Cease to pine,

A monk build a fence round a O lonely soul, so much is thine. The calla lily on the sill Has burst its bud and stands so tall With this one bloom, so pure

> A symbol of the Christ Child fair. Who in our hearts should always be At Christmas, New Year's,

> > ever — He

and fair.

## BYGONE DAYS

#### 1904

From The Tribune of Thurs. Jan. 7, 1904 - 50 Years Ago

Mr. A. D. Bruce of Gormley attended as delegate the Meettended to Rev. R. Barbour of Toronto, to the pastorate of St. children receive a request like who are listening to them. The James and Melville Presbyter- this." ian Churches.

cold weather at this time of the year. It has penetrated many cellars where water beating is pipes and done much damage to plumbing. A little to the north the thermometer dipped to 30 degrees below zero. On Monday the 9 a.m. train did not arrive until after 1 p.m., as many of the water tanks on l the way were frozen up and it was difficult to get up steam. A meeting was held in the

interested in a telephone line reaching from Bethesda Stouffville. Among those present were Messrs R. Miller, W. P. P. Steele, Lemonville; R. Rateliff, Ringwood and G. A. Brodle, I. Pike and D. W. Heise, ker is following them." Bethesda. By resolution it was!

Company".

#### 1925 January 15th, 1923

when the roars of the descend- about the exact meaning or pro- completed may seem foolish, cause of the complete removal ants of the "Old Scotia" drift nunciation of a word. into the sanctum of the Tribune office of a clear and frosty two characteristics of a good who failed to do just that. Ev- assuming fatherly care over us night, we know that the cares speaker who is able to forget en after they have finished (v. 13). What a picture of "God of the day have fled and our himself. Good grooming and their remarks they have gone our Saviour"businessmen have united in one suitable clothes are a great on and on, past several excel- Our portion in Isaiah (40:

and the truck drivers are mak- total effect is pleasing. ing almost daily trips to To-

1925 Stouffville Council was held in the clerk's office on Monday morning, when the new members took the declaration of office as follows: Reeve. F. W. Silvester; Councillors, F. W. Silversides, Jos. Borinsky,

W. H. Brillinger, presented the Tribune with a fine 15-pound sample from five carloads that Approach to the Lesson improved of late, local growers nificently of God." realizing around \$9 per ton.

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Whom we do love died on the

us depart.

He comes and dwells within our hearts. .

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"I've got to give an oral next needs. Perhaps that accounts ing of Toronto Presbytery in week on helicopters. Could you for the fact that the most winconnection with the call ex- give, me some help?" How ning public speakers are those in truth." Omit the "a" before many parents of school age who are keenly aware of those

such persisten: and continued able to make a good speech! dience but at the audience as but I just don't know how to a whole. go about it. I'll be scared to It is worthwhile to take a word?"

> making a good speech. Anyone able. ter the fundamental rules.

altogether likely that the spea- speakers go much too fast.

day the reeve' R. Underhill poll- on a subject on which he has and in rate of speaking. speil on New Year's Day, shows attempt to say all he knows gesture over and over. and wholesome pastime and be consulted in case of doubt "sit down" once the speech is with us in mercy (v. 11) be-

The inaugural meeting of the of the fundamental human than to be too long!

advice to "look at your audi- God is Spirit, then worship of Sometimes a scholar will say ence" is sound, not at one per-Not in 35 years have we had frankly, "I would love to be son or at one section of the autruth is in Jesus" (Eph. 4:21).

employed and frozen up the feet to talk. What if I can't say speech to make a friendly, happy contact by telling a story. An audience falls in love with The Heart of the Lesson No pupil should take such a a speaker who can poke a little pessimistic view of his own fun at himself because he conscience all testify of God.

are over, without apology or Bethesda school House on the speaker once gave this advice speech. State clearly and con-

At the election here on Mon- terest others. He must speak ful, with some variety in pitch unbelievers to haste to the refuge provided.

ed 180 votes. For Council W. made sufficient preparation and The importance of clear en- The psalmist depicts for us A. Sangster 201 votes, J. C. done enough thinking that his unciation and distinct articula- the loving-kindness of God, in Bundy 184, C. Armstrong 173 material will hold the interest tion cannot be over-stressed. the great 103rd Psalm. Here, in and R. P. Coulson 169 votes. of his listeners. Colourful illus- Mrs. Macy, the famous teacher verses 8-13, we have New Testrations which are well chosen of Helen Keller, was a much tament truth declared aforeand an occasional striking, ac- sought-after speaker. She had time, namely, the putting away curate, statistical fact add to learned the vital importance of of sin, save that the ultimate a speech. A speaker should giving each word its full value. means of it, the sacrifice of The Stouffville Curling Club choose the most interesting If a few natural gestures come Christ, is not mentioned. See which got away to a good start and essential pieces of informa- easily, use them. But do not how God's wrath is quieted (vs. this year by holding a big bon- tion about a topic, and never use an artificial motion or one 8, 9), so that the stroke due to

Poise and self-confidence are have been ruined by speakers ceives us as His dear children,

snow; automobiles are still amine a speaker's appearance out the exact length of speech world to produce a god who whirring about on Main Street and decide whether or not the which is wanted by the group might stand beside Him for Psychologists state that the keep well within that time lim. He alone has the attributes of desire to be important is one it. It is better to be too brief deity, as witnessed by the hea-

# THIS WEEK'S SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE LIVING GOD (Lesson for January 9)

and in truth.-John 4:24 cabbage last Saturday, a fair THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Wednesday and Friday. The minds us of the advice of Pat- Heaven's. cabbage market is somewhat ernus to his son: "Think magthen have expressed their tho- can be measured by the poles, adoration and submission. Some petty thief a few nights ughts of their gods in images of but there are no east and west ago removed a black snake stone and wood, many of them poles to establish the measure this great God, glorious in pow-

whip from the sleigh of Mr. depicting monsters of cruelty of east from west. that he can put the tax rate on our easy attitude to sin. Hence standing and patience.

So when we have an earthly Egyptian Moslem remarked, gods has no basis in reality, are enemies, and cannot wor-When dear loved friends from very small God." Asked for an He stands alone. explanation, he continued: Verse 26-"... who hath cre-"When we Moslems pray to ated these .' .' bringeth out than all. But I have seen some eth." He has created the heavof you Christians pray to your enly bodies, has ordered them, a very small God." The rebuke stars for identification; while is surely deserved by many of God has named them all as His us. Not that physical posture property. in prayer is of primary import- Verse 27-"Why sayest thou ance, but it is frequently in . . . My way is hid from the

dicative of a general attitude. Lord?" These are the comsmall, will quickly reveal whe- unbelief-God doesn't see me, ther or not we "think magnifi- He has given up caring for my cently of God." Our lesson portions ought to carehelp us to correct our faulty Verse 28-"The Lord . .

forever" (Romans 9:5). Verse by Verse

langer and plenteous in mercy." of His people. covenant God.

keep his anger for ever." The have none. His resources are words, "his anger," are sup-inexhaustible.

with us after our sins; nor . . . Heaven.

laccording to our iniquities." for His people, and out of His H. W. Sanders and John Clea- Golden Text-God is a Spirit: that our sins have been fully supplies strength to the weak and they that worship him dealt with on another, our sub- and the faint. must worship him in spirit stitute. "My sin deserved eter-

tled in the United Church shed. our thoughts of God by our ir- so the Lord pitieth . . ." This to be worshiped as "Father"

our God; we prostrate ourselves their host . . . calleth them where we must learn the rare -Mrs. A. Weber, Elmira before Him, for He is greater all by names . . . not one fail- combination of intimacy and God, leaning against a post, has named them all, and prewith your hands in your pock- serves them all. Incidentally, God, that I may so worship ets. You Christians must have men have named a few of the

Our conduct, in big matters and plaints of discouragement and cause, if He ever did have a

concepts, for they present God fainteth not, neither is weary in a variety of His excellencies, . . . no searching of his underand call us to worship Him standing." But the prophet "who is over all, God blessed rings out the truth that it would be contrary to the very nature of God to lack knowl-Psa, 103:8-"The Lord is mer-ledge of a situation, or to grow clful and gracious, slow to weary in upholding the cause

We have here a reminder of Verse 29-"He givth power God's attitude to the people of to the faint . . . he increaseth His choice. He is Jehovah, the strength." Not only does His strength not fail, but He pro-Verse 9-"He will not . . . vides strength for those who

plied by the translator, and fit Matt. 6.9-"Our Father which the context. Notice that the art in heaven, Hallowed be verse does not say that God thy name." The faint glimmernever chides, or that He is ings of God as Father in the never angry. But He has found Old Testament come to full disa way of turning away His play in the New Testament, Razor Shaping langer, He has effected a great especially in Christ, But the reconciliation in the blood of intimate term, Father, is joined to a reminder that He is Verse 10-"He hath not dealt still the transcendent God-in

shippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such . . Formalities of place, time, and

John 123- ... the true wor-

ritual are not the essence of worship. Notice that God seeks worshipers, but the worship By Nancy Cleaves that He desires is that of inward reality, not of outward Verse 24-"God is a Spirit

, worship him in spirit and "Spirit." This is stating the very nature of God's being. If Him must be of our spirit, enlightened by the truth—"as the Chap. 10:30-"I and my Father are one." Put this alongside 14:9b and you have a great

Not apart from Jesus Christ

Creation, providence, and ability. There is no magic to seems human and approach. They are in the sphere of what theologians call "general revewho is eager to learn can mas- Once introductory remarks lation." But these are not a sufficient revelation of God to A very successful public delay, plunge right into the meet the need of men whose minds have been darkened by 2nd inst., by a number who are to would be orators: "There are cisely what is to be said, avoid sin, and who are under confive directions to follow in the ing roundabout expressions demnation of eternal death. making of any good speech - like "it seems to me" or annoy- Unless God speaks by some have something to say, forget ing hesitating "er-r-r's". Do other means, in a special reveyourself, look at your audience, not worry about an occasional lation, we shall be left without C. Renfrew, Stouffville; A. D. make your speech, and then sit pause. Likely the audience will hope. But God has spoken, "in Bruce and D. Coates, Gormley; down. Test any effective speech be glad of the chance to catch time past unto the fathers by by these five rules, and it is up with the thought! Most the prophets," and now at last "unto us by his Son" (Heb. 1: Be sure that everyone can 1, 2). The record of this speak-Perhaps the advice "have hear what is being said. There ing, this revelation; is the conunanimously decided that the something to say" seems a lit- is a tendency to pitch one's tent of our Bible, and our lescompany be called "The Beth- tle strange. But a speaker must voice too high in the excite- son gives glimpses of God that esda and Stouffville Telephone have something to say which is ment of making a speech. The must make the heart of every of vital interest if he is to in- "middle register" is most rest- believer glad, and ought to stir

our sins does not fall on us a keen interest in the ancient at one time. A dictionary should The final piece of advice to (v. 10), but He rather deals Office Hours Daily 9-12 a.m. But countless good speeches of our sins (v. 12). Now He re- Wednesday-office closed in a.m.

of the best and most wholesome asset. An audience, even a lent stopping places, until the 25-29) presents a very different games of our northern clime. school classroom, takes a mo- audience was weary and bored. picture of God. Here He is issu-Notwithstanding the deep ment or two to thoroughly ex- Every speaker should find ing a challenge to the heathen to whom he is speaking. Then comparison, but there is none. vens. He created the starry hosts. He orders their courses, He knows them all by name (the unnumbered billions of them!), and He preserves them. He who can do this can care Main Street The reason of this is, of course, own inexhaustible power He

Such a God, who fills all nal hell, but Jesus died for me." things, calls for worship that is Verse 11-"For as the heaven more than so much formality. is high above the earth . . . his He cannot be confined to sache and his sons shipped out In one of his dramatic ser- mercy." His loving-kindness is red places, nor will formal genfrom the local station between mons, Alexander Whyte re-not of earth's measure, but of uffections and prostrations and processions and chantings and Verse 12-"As far as the east oblations suffice for worship. is from the west , , , hath he He is not a man, flattered by One of the greatest weak- removed our transgressions these external things. He is nesses of our Western Chris- from us." I am glad it does eternal Spirit, and His worship tianity is the inadequacy of not say, "As far as the north must consist of the outflowings our conception of God. The hea- is from the south," for that of the spirit to Him in true

The wonderful thing is that er and might, and worthy of Dent Law as the horses were and lust. We have expressed Verse 13-"Like as a father, all praise and adoration, seeks Fenelon Falls has elected a reverence, our disobedience, is no mere sentimental pity, He has made a way whereby blacksmith as reeve in the hope our neglect of holy things, and but the pity of complete under- He may receive sinners into the adoption of sons, having the anvil and flatten it out. | we do not impress others with | Isa.: 40:25-"To whom then the right to call Him Father. the grandeur, the majesty, the will ye liken me . . . saith the Indeed, no one can truly worholiness, the greatness of God. Holy One?" Notice the title of ship God who has not been I heard once of an American God here—the Holy One. A brought into the filial relation. tourist in Egypt to whom an comparison of God with other Until we come to Christ we "You Christians must have a Both in character and in work ship Him. When we come to Insurance in reliable companies Christ we are made sons, and then we can worship "in spirit and in truth." Here, then, is reverence, of communion and worship.

How can I come to know Him? Only in Christ Jesus. He who is one with the Father has revealed the Father and has brought us to the Father. Our search for God ends at the feet of Jesus.

The world may be full of a number of things, but a wom- Main St. East an's handbag makes it look



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