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Notes and Comments

First of Many Fine Concerts
Those who attended the fine musical concert presented by the Ross Caldwell Singers in the local High School Auditorium last week saw what we trust will be only the first of a long line of fine concerts which should be enjoyed in Stouffville now that modern stage facilities have been provided.

Deterring Reckless Driving

A recent editorial in these columns called upon the Attorney General to review the light penalties imposed on motorists convicted of drunken or reckless driving. It would now appear from a report to the Civic Traffic Committee that some drivers involved in accidents and who were held responsible were not even prosecuted, let alone penalized.

The Little Things

A husband generally suffers in silence those irritating little habits which make his mate somewhat less than angelic in his eyes. From time to time, however, one of the worms turns. Such was the case the other day in Copenhagen when a Danish husband won a divorce on the grounds that his wife persisted in squeezing the toothpaste tube in the middle after he had taken pains to see that it was emptied in orderly fashion from the bottom.

Many Parents Still Believe in Spanking

A few generations ago there was little argument about whether a child should be spanked when he did something seriously wrong. The old adage about sparing the rod and spoiling the child was more generally accepted than it is today. Some modern child psychologists maintain that whipping a child makes him more spoiled.

"WHY SO ANGRY"

By Nancy Cleaver

"Tommy is our first baby and he isn't quite two, but it upsets me to see him become so mad. Several times a day he flies into a terrible rage. Often he shouts 'No! No! No!' I seem to have lost my happy, contented baby and I have a small hornet in his place. Why does he get so angry?"

Many mothers of little children know exactly how Tommy's mother feels. Life was so much simpler for her when her son was a docile tiny baby. Now he has a will of his own. When his determination to show his independence is blocked, anger and resistance are the natural results.

Often a child has a temper tantrum because his play is suddenly interrupted. Mother insists that he come for a meal or go to the toilet. If he has received a warning that he is soon going to have to stop his play, often he will accept this interference more gracefully.

A little child who is very tired or very hungry, is likely to be emotionally upset. These physical conditions make adults prone to crossness, which is another way of showing irritation too! A routine which provides sufficient rest and meals spaced not too far apart may be a real help in reducing angry scenes.

Around the age of two a child

ITEMS FROM BYGONE DAYS

30 Years Ago

From The Tribune Feb. 19, 1925
The town hydrants ought to be examined after the severe weather. Some of them may be frozen.

Mr. George Storey of the Standard Bank Staff nearly lost the first finger of his left hand by having it badly jammed in the safe door of the bank vault last week. The accident is a painful one, the end of the finger being badly mutilated.

We notice by some of the papers coming to the Tribune Office that bread is advancing from 11c per loaf to 12 cents. The "Staff of Life" is still obtainable in Stouffville at 10c per loaf despite the stiff advance in the price of flour.

While cutting ice on Wm. Ratcliff's pond on the 8th concession of Whitechurch, Hugh Anderson of Stouffville, one of the blocks came out with a nice trout fish frozen into the centre of the cake.

28 Years Ago

From The Tribune Feb. 24, 1927
Perhaps the largest skating carnival ever held in Stouffville was that on Thurs. night at the Arena. It is estimated that nearly five hundred people were on skates and some 42 people were in costume to compete for the prizes.

In Canada, of course, such offences would not be grounds for divorce, but there is always the rolling pin or baseball bat. It is not our intention to set marriage partners eyeing each other malevolently while mentally cataloguing lists of faults thus setting off a great wave of discontent.

Laff of the Week



... Like everything about it except the shape, color, brim, crown, and the price ...

BETWEEN OURSELVES

BY Archer Wallace

"A Rudder of the Day"

THE LATE Henry Ward Beecher said: "The first hour of the day is its rudder." It was a shrewd remark but we would go further and say that the first few minutes are extremely important and often decide the kind of day we will have.

THE OLD PROVERB, "Your feet will follow your thoughts," means that if you think about a thing long enough, you will likely do it. Thought precedes action. There is a remarkable verse in the Old Testament, which reads: "I know ... the fruit of your thoughts." Thoughts are like seeds which grow and develop with the inevitable results in action.

LONG BEFORE I read that brief sentence by Beecher, I knew that in my own case the first few minutes of the day set a pattern and it was like getting started on a railway track. There is good advice in an old admonition: "Start the day right."

SOME MAINTAIN that you cannot select your thoughts: they will come in spite of your wishes. That is only true to a limited extent. Life is made up of habits, and there are good habits that can be built up until they are tenacious.

YOU CAN SELECT your thoughts and the power to do this will grow with custom. A lady began to work in a bank but was obsessed with the fear that some day she would fail to detect counterfeit money. She confided her fears to the manager. He said: "The first time you handle spurious money, a cold shiver will run down your spine just as if you had a cold shower on your spine."

THAT MANAGER may or may not have the right idea, but what I do believe is that by the help of God, we can all build up a thought life that when negative thoughts beset us — fear, worry, envy, resentment, or any other; a healthy mind will rise up and resist them.

OVER THE YEARS I have known a vast number of people: high-minded and wholesome. It was a natural for them to think good thoughts as it is for an expert pianist, or a first-class typist to strike the right key. With them, healthy, cheerful thinking had become a habit; strong as steel.

I AM NOT SAYING that such people rise above all temptation, but what I do believe is that evil — whatever form it takes — has very little appeal for them.

WE ALL KNOW that with a rife there is a distance within which a bullet is dangerous or deadly. But after that point the bullets are harmless. The dead point of the pullet has been reached; the shots are harmless.

WHEN PEOPLE START the day right, trusting in God and believing that He is with them, they cannot go far wrong. And that other attitude will grow until one is well nigh invincible.

DO YOU REMEMBER that lovely prayer by Robert Louis Stevenson: "The day returns and brings us the daily round of irritating concerns and duties. Help us to perform them with laughter and kind faces; let cheerfulness abound with industry. Help us to go blithely on our business all the day, bring us to our resting beds weary and content and undishonored, and grant us in the end the gift of sleep."

OUR QUOTATION today is from Psalm 17:5 — "I shall be satisfied when I awake in Thy likeness."

EDITOR'S MAIL

Editor, The Tribune, Dear Mr. Editor, I must begin by thanking you for giving space each week in the Tribune for a commentary on the Sunday School lesson. I know of a number of people who receive much help from it.

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