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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. Musical programs, variety programs, debates, and drama should all find their place here in the years to come.

Stouffville has been woefully lacking in this department for a long time and it may take time for enthusiasm to return. However as local talent is developed in our school the picture will change and we look forward to seeing many a packed auditorium thrill and enjoy fine stage presentations in the future.

Many were visiting the auditorium last week for the first time and marvelled at the spacious seating accommodation, the modern stage setting with its upto-date theatre lighting affects.

### 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.

This report from the Police Department showed that in 1953, 60 drivers involved in 75 fatal accidents were not prosecuted. Of the 15 that were prosecuted, only four were imprisoned, receiving short terms. The others were either dismissed or fined.

Of the 60 cases where no prosecution took place, 44 drivers were exonerated by coroner's jury, in 11 instances an inquest was deemed unnecessary, but five were held responsible by the jury yet were not charged.

Light sentences when cases are prosecuted, and no prosecutions in several cases - this is a report which should arouse the concern of the Attorney General. Safety campaigns serve a useful purpose, but if the courts are lenient and if the Crown Attorney's office neglects to press charges when they should be pressed, little progress can be expected in reducing the shocking toll of automobile fatalities. -The Telegram.

## 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. The judge observed that such an offence would not normally be a ground for divorce but the husband had shown himself to be sensitive on the matter and still the aggravation was continued.

... This case could serve well as a warning to those wives who persist in goading the poor beast. He may yet show that he has fangs. Conversely, it should also warn husbands, for many of them have a tendency to throw that wet coat on the banister in the hall and to dispose of their soiled linen in the most outlandish

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. Our purpose, rather is to show that little things can and do mean a lot and that a tardy addition to mend some of those habits which vex one's mate so sorely would do no harm and, possibly, would do much good. -Hamilton Spectator.

## 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.

-Evidently there are still many parents who are old-fashioned enough to give an offending youngster. the woodshed treatment. Surveys have shown that about two-thirds of American parents whack their provocative offspring. Probably that holds true for

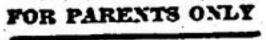
Canadian parents, too. Even the tolerant experts don't condemn physical punishment. Dr. Benjamin Spock, a noted adviser on child care, believes that constant nagging is worse for the youngsters than a mild spanking. "I'm not advocating spanking, but it is less poisonous than lengthy

disapproval," he says. But spanking by others than parents, by teachers especially, sometimes leads to disputes. Yet we have known fathers who punished their children whenever

they got the strap at school. In Britain, they believe that the paddle or cane should be used more frequently upon the pupils' legs and adjacent regions. Recently a London woman teacher, who admitted using a blackboard pointer on 38 of her third grade boys and girls went to trial on a charge of assault: She was found guilty, but on appeal

she won. Some time ago Viscount Montgomery, speaking on education at Colombia University in New York, had a good word to say for corporal punishment: "I was well beaten, and I am the better for it," he was quoted

as remarking. Monty being an army man is naturally strong on discipline. But discipline is a necessity even in our day. If it can be managed without the cane, as is often the case, that is all the better. But to rule out corporal punishment even when it's deserved is often just asking for trouble:



# WHY SO ANGRY "

he isn't quite two, but it upsets and exciting world beyond the me to see him become so mad! play pen. His command of lang-Several times a day he flies uage is still quite limited. Some into a terrible rage. Often heltimes, because he cannot easily shouts "No! No! No!" I seem to explain how he feels or what have lost my happy, contented he wants, he gets mad and baby and I have a small hornet shouts. As he grows older it in his place. Why does he get will be easier for him to exso angry?"

Many mothers of little chil- be so likely to have a temper dren know exactly how Tommy's mother feels. Life was so much simpler for her when her is not fair to him if his ared, anger and resistance are the of a meal, while father or natural results.

Often a child has a temper tantrum because his play is suddenly interrupted. Mother 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 pro-

Around the age of two a child

"Tommy is our first baby and is very busy exploring his new press himself and he will not

By Nancy Cleaver

tantrum. Confusion upsets a child. It son was a docile tiny baby, ent's rules vary from day to Now he has a will of his own, day. Nor can he understand if When his determination to mother tells him that candy show his independence is block- must be eaten only at the end grandmother give him sweets at other times.

Parents find it hard to live with a small child who is in a insists that he come for a meal continual state of resistance. or go to the toilet. If he has They should try to put themselves in his place.

They will see that he gets mad when he hears frequent, "Don't do that!" They will observe that if he is a healthy, normal youngster, he is bursting with energy. If he is restricted at every turn in his natural desire to explore, wouldn't they get mad if they were in his shoes? It seems onvides sufficient rest and meals ly good sense to reduce the spaced not too far apart may be rules he must obey to the minia real help in reducing angry mum and as far as possible avoid "head-on collisions."

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## ITEMS FROM BYGONE DAYS -

### 30 Years Ago

From The Tribune Feb. 19, 1925 The town hydrants ought to be examined after the severe \$1.15 a bag. 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.

pers coming to the Tribune Office that bread is advancing from 11c per loaf to 12 cents. tainable in Stouffville at 10c promptly. per loaf despite the stiff advance in the price of flour. While cutting ice on Wm. Ratcliff's pond on the 8th con-

cession of Whitchurch for Hugh Anderson of Stouffville, one of the blocks came out with a this year. nice trout fish frozen into the centre of the cake.

decided to return to the old curfew bell again, which will shortly ring out each evening "Miss Canada". at nine o'clock warning all children that they must be off the last week to participate in a only one thing, "immerse". streets.

## 28 Years Ago

From The Tribune Feb. 21, 1927 carnival ever held in Stouffville Dixon Hill. As the snow was tive church is an indisputable knocks in vain" I would add was that on Thurs, night at the deep the car came off without fact. Even the Roman Catholics my personal appreciation for Arena. It is estimated that a scratch and the driver es who do not immerse admit this the support which you and nearly five hundred people caped injury also. were on skates and some 42 Just 52 days after being ad- icle in one of their leading us. We sincerely hope that we people were in costume to com- mitted to the Toronto East magazines, the "Sunday Visi- may look forward to your copete for the prizes. Mr. Sam P. General Hospital, Mr. Walter tor", they state that "It is true operation in future appeals. Foote of Bethesda carried off Davey of Toronto was able to the honors and the prize for be- be removed to his home in the ing the oldest skater on the city on Feb. 10. On Dec. 20 last ice. He is just past his 70th he was struck down on the birthday. The contest for the street in the city by a hit-andlargest family on skates went run motorist and was found to the sons and daughters of to be suffering from scalp and Frank Steckley of Whitchurch, head wounds with his right when nine of his ten children leg broken in four places. The clasped hands and rounded the fractured limb is still in a cast ice to the admiration of the and it will be several months

While Ontario potatoes were once more.

selling a week ago at \$1.10 a bag off cars at Toronto, a dealer in Goodwood loaded a car last week for which he paid

Several inches of snow fel on Sunday, which is very beneficial to the fall wheat. The fields were exposed to the ice and cold through lack of snow Just on the hour of ten o clock Sunday morning a fire alarm was sounded and the brigade hastened to the Christian Church, where overheated We notice by some of the pa- pipes threatened to do serious damage. Mr. Abe Lehman had the menace in control before the fire fighters arrived, al The "Staff of Life" is still ob- though they answered the call

## 24 Years Ago

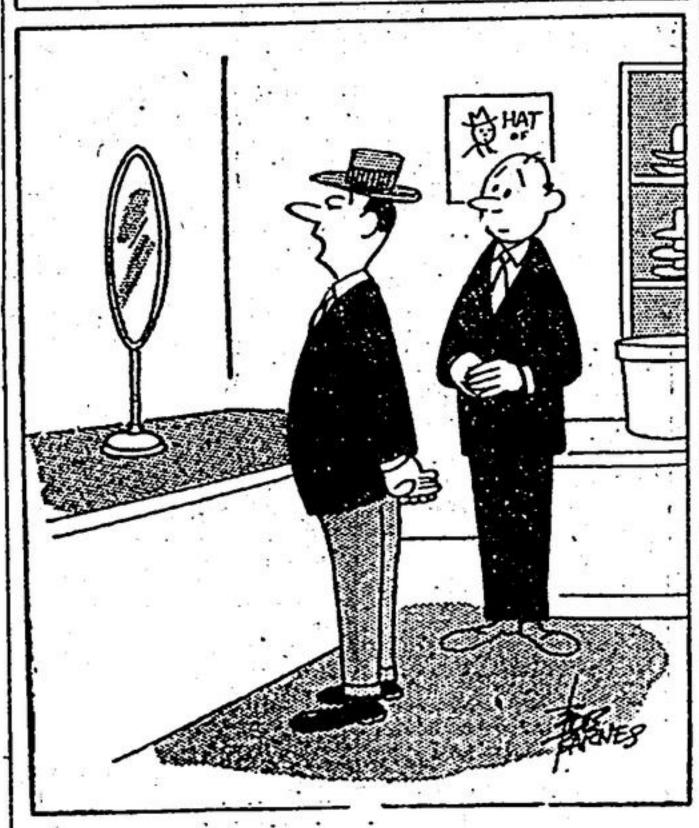
From the Tribune Feb. 19, 1931 In the issue of February 17 taking the Census of Canada by a picture of Christ's baptism

At the Unionville Carnival water on our Lord's head. held on Wednesday evening of I thought it might be of in Markham Village Council has last week, Miss Hazel Boyd was terest to you, Mr. Editor, and awarded the first prize for best to many of your readers, to the recent annual Christmas dressed lady, impersonating know that the word the New

ders, the local photographer, of a ship sinking they said the was unfortunate in being dum- ship was "baptized", that is ped out of his car when it immersed in the sea. turned over in the ditch, just That immersion of believers Perhaps the largest skating south of the school house at was the practice of the primi-

yet before he will be around

### WEEK THE LAFF OF



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



## "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 saying about getting up on the wrong side of the bed is more than funny, it is true.

THE OLD PROVERS, "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. People say, bad habits are hard to break, but good habits are even stronger. 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; highminded 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 rifle 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."

that immersion was the prac-

tice in the primitive church."

The practice of "pouring" or

"sprinkling" water on the can-

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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 be of help to all concerned. from it.

There will be 15,000 persons the Golden Text is illustrated where John is seen pouring the Editor, The Tribune,

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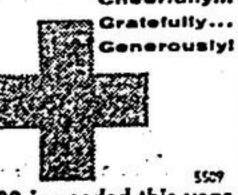
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