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Notes and Comments

Spring Is On The Move

The sap buckets are out and a number of robins have been seen in town. We are in the midst of another hectic hockey playoff period and a great many are looking and hoping for an early spring.

The winter on the whole has been an easy one. Road budgets have been spared thousands of dollars through the lack of snow although a few more tons of sand were needed than usual. Only once was it necessary to clear snow on local streets. There were cold snaps, some of them fairly steady, but not too severe, and many oldsters have been shaking their heads and talking of the "old days" when the mercury dipped to twenty and even thirty below in these parts.

More Than Flowers Bloom

Along with the daffodils and crocuses, waten for the rackets that bloom in the spring, says The Financial Post.

There is the chimney expert who makes a dire prediction about how soon the bricks will come tumbling down unless he is allowed to rebuild at a fancy figure.

Following close behind is the bearer of nursery stock with a glowing word picture of how his bargainpriced juniper or forsythia will improve the appearance of the front yard. There is the "humus" seller, too.

Obviously there are many legitimate salesmen making the rounds offering good value for the money they ask. There is a simple way to distinguish the good from the bad. No legitimate salesman will hesitate to produce credentials. -St. Mary's Journal.

Better Picnic Facilities

Spring is here and summer will soon be upon us so it is not too early to be giving some thought to local park activities. Stouffville Memorial Park has become a community centre and much more so, thanks to Mr. Arthur Latcham, and his wonderful contribution of floodlights and grandstand.

Aside from the weekly baseball activity which goes on, the local park ground has steadily increased in popularity as a site for family reunions and picnics, both local and from a distance. This popularity is very gratifying to we who are proud of our town and its park, but this pride might manifest itself with better facilities for our visitors.

There was some suggestion last year that the booth in the park be rented as a concession to provide refreshments for the many events which are constantly taking place there. However, the season was well advanced and nothing was done in this regard. The idea has merit, and we are thinking particularly of the provision for hot water and other picnic necessities which could be made available. The revenue from such a concession would easily provide the necessary capital to renovate the rather dilapidated refreshment stand now provided.

The Community Centre Board will no doubt be meeting shortly to discuss early summer plans and the matter of better booth facilities both for picnics and general activities, is one we would like to see on the agenda.

Buy Easter Seals To Help The Cause of

Crippled Children The annual Easter Seal Campaign, sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club, as in years past, is now in full swing. Letters containing a supply of Easter Seals, with an explanation of the aims and purposes of the campaign, have been sent to most of the homes in the village. With them is an appeal to buy these seals by sending in a contribution, an appeal which should not fall on deaf ears.

Through the years, the crippled children's work carried on by the Lions Club has been of tremendous importance and value. It has brought back to lives of usefulness hundreds of children who would otherwise have gone through life suffering from crippling handicaps. By providing these children with the most expert treatment and care, by financing operations in many cases, and generally doing everything humanly possible to restore them to full health and vigor, service clubs have salvaged hundreds of children.

Coupled with that is the broader field of work of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children, which is also a beneficiary of the Easter Seal Campaign. This society is a great humanitarian agency which exists for one purpose, to make it possible, as far as it can be accomplished, for crippled children to live normal lives, to overcome their handicaps, and to be selfsupporting. The number of cases which have benefitted from this work runs into many thousands. The ramifications of the society's activities are widespread, and wherever there is a crippled or handicapped child who needs care and attention, the society is there to help.

We cannot think of any appeal which should have a more generous response than that made on behalf of crippled children through the Easter Seal campaign. We urge all of our readers to buy their package of Easter Seals, and to send along, in return for them, as generous a contribution as they can afford.

Ottawa Lists Work On North York Rivers

Two North York river profects are listed among the items of 1955-1956 appropriations of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa, released last

Jersey River, North Gwillimbury township, is to have \$20,000 spent on reconstruction of a retaining wall, on north; side of the channel, both sides

of the County Highway. Pefferlaw River in Georgina township, is listed to have a total expenditure of \$35,000, also on reconstructing a retaining wall. The Pefferlaw River project in immediate need of work is near the river mouth where the current sweeps in an inverted "L" to reach Lake Simcoe.



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BEDTIME STORY "

By Nancy Cleaver

dren's storyteller than the food with his bow and arrow.' queen's favorite or the king's There was only one animal counsellor," Kate Douglas Wig- who dared to speak up in fagin, the famous author of vor of the Indians and that was "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage the small Red Squirrel. Glanc-Patch," once declared. Today, ing a little nervously at the big there are so many stories which animals near him, when it children can listen to on the came his turn he said bravely, radio, on TV, at the public lib- "Well, this sickness is pretty rary, at school! But there is tough luck on the tribe. If we

still one special story, the Bed- can do something to help them time Story, which belongs es - I think that we should." pecially to parents. Mother and, The Bear glowered at him. Dad can take tips on how to "Who are you to oppose me?" tell this last story of the day he asked. to little folk from their child's "I, too, have one vote in this favorite story teller. They council," the Squirrel replied. should never make the mis- The Bear became frightfully take of concluding that the angry and in a gust of passion Bedtime Story has lost its he leaped at the Squirrel and charm!

place on the bookshelf for these pudent little fellow a lesson stories. A very little child loves The Squirrel was terribly loved by older children.

the public library is a great turned to the council ring. help in suggesting suitable stoians."

This is the Red Indians' story of How the Chipmunk Got His Stripes. Read this aloud or tell it from memory to your small son or daughter - or have your school age child read it aloud to you!

Once there were no chipmunks, only squirrels, and the tell his host how to make medsquirrels were the same bright, merry little animals they are now. Unfortunately, a strange of the slippery elm. The sick disease broke out among a certain tribe of Indians. As they by taking the medicine. At the had no Medicine Man, they same time, the Squirrel's sides were in a very sad plight. Day got better, but the scars re by day, more fell sick, and although they tried all the remedies they knew, none of them his home beside the wigwam seemed to do any good.

heard about this sickness and just like their father's. The they held a council to discuss Indians named them "Chip it. The big council-ring of all munks." Ever since that time the animals was not at all both the squirrels and chip friendly to the poor Indians for munks have been the friends as the Bear said, "Why should of man and like to live near his we worry about his troubles? home. He never does us any good,

"I would rather be the chil-jand he even kills some of us for

grabbed him in his two front There should be a special paws. He would teach this im-

Picture Book Stories, Nursery frightened, but he struggled Rhymes and the old favorites hard to get away. The Bear's such as the Three Little Pigs claws dug into his sides. With or Goldilocks and the Three a last frantic effort the Squirrel Bears. Kipling's Just So Stories, scrambled out of his clutches Hans Christian Andersen's and ran away as fast as he Fairy Tales and The Tar Baby could. The Bear followed him Stories by Uncle Remus are for a short distance. But he soon gave up the chase and The children's librarian at grumbling to himself, he re-

The little Squirrel ran on and ries. Bible Stories should not on until he was out of breath. be forgotten and Hurlburt's He was afraid to hide in the Stories of the Bible contains a forest for fear one of the anifine selection. Nature Legends, mals should catch him in the are another source of stories dark. His scratches were hurtand they form part of our heri-ling. In desperation he went to tage from "The First Canad- the door of a wigwam and sought refuge.

The Indian asked him in and took care of him. They became good friends. The great god Manitou, gave to the Squirrel as a reward for his courage at the council-ring, the gift of knowledge and the ability to use the Indian's language.

So the Squirrel was able to icines from the gums of pine spruce and balsam and the bark Indians were gradually healed mained.

Next year, the Squirrel buil The new little family of squir-The animals in that district rels had stripes on their sides

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REPORT FROM PARLIAMENT -

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

March 16, 1955

Once again we have heard a debate on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and the policy of the Government in re- Paper a bill presented by a spect to television. The argu- Member of the Government ment presented again was to which is an act respecting flags the effect that private stations of Canada. This matter has should be given an opportun- been introduced in every sesity to compete with Govern- sion of Parliament for a great ment-owned stations in this many years but no action has field. More arguments will be ever been taken. I venture to heard this Session on this same say that the same fate awaits subject when the matter comes this proposal during the presbefore the Standing Committee ent session.

of the House. again had the pleasure of wel- in the problem of conservation coming to Ottawa a group of of soil, forest, water and land 38 students from the two Col- use in Canada. One Member has legiates in Oshawa. An interest- introduced a motion that the ing schedule was drawn up for Government should consider their stay and they seemed to the advisability of calling a enjoy themselves, as well as Dominion - Provincial Conferderive a great deal of informa- ence in order to establish a tion on the work of Parliament | national policy on this mati in Canada.

Club of Oshawa. They deserve to preserve these resources. a great deal of credit and commendation for this undertak- we had the last day on which ing. The opportunity they af- Private Members could introforded to the students who duce Bills and Resolutions. made this visit to Ottawa can- From that day until the end of not be calculated in dollars and this present Session, Governcents. Other Clubs who are see. ment Orders and Government king a worthwhile project can Notices of Motions shall have well undertake a similar trip precedence over all business

announced on April 4th and tion of Papers. tion as to what benefits it will Agriculture claims that the proved pension schemes. A contain for the average Cana. Federal Government is already similar concession should thus

the Bill which is expected to be from which the farmer secures pension plans, who are trying introduced shortly to amend few benefits. "We are strongly to make "adequate provision the Unemployment Insurance of the opinion that since there for their old age." Tax officials Act. A great many beneficial is in Canada a protective tariff question the workability of the changes have been suggested policy, the dairy industry is in scheme, due to the infinite varbut whether they will be ac- all justice entitled to the ap- liety of ways by which self-emcepted and incorporated into plication of this policy when ployed persons and other outthe amendment remains to be and where necessary on a com- side pension schemes seek to

per, we have a Resolution mission notes that there is no sponsored by the Minister of effective customs tariff rate on STOUFFVILLE National Health and Welfare, dairy products at present. which states that it is intended At least one recommendation SAND & GRAVEL to introduce a measure to am made to the Federal Cabinet by LIMITED end the Blind Persons Act to the Canadian Federation of Aglower the age for eligible re- riculture has little chance of cipients from 21 to 18 years and acceptance within the foreseealso to increase the maximum able future. The federation is annual incomes allowed to re- trying to sell the Government

comed by all Members of Par-lognized savings plan" should liament as well as those who be deductible for Federal Inwill be affected by the change, come Tax purposes. The CFA

cipients.

Possibly a great deal more should be done in this category but at least this is a step in the right direction and the Minister is to be commended on bringing forth this measure.

Again we have on the Order

A great deal of interest has On March 17th and 18th I been shown by many members Some debate has taken place This trip was sponsored fin- on the motion and it is felt by ancially by the Ukrainian Busi- all that some co-operative acness and Professional Men's tion should be planned in order

On Wednesday, March 9th, for students in the High School except the Introduction of Bills. Questions by Members, and No-The Budget is expected to be tices of Motions for the Productargues that this privilege is al- | And when electricity was

applying a "protective tariff be granted to self-employed perparable basis with that ganted provide for this contingency. Presently on the Order Pa- other industries." A CFA sub-

on the idea that payments made This measure will be wel- "by any taxpayer into a recWEEK



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A Human Matterhorn

ONE HISTORIAN, referring to Abraham Lincoln, says: "He | Office Hours Daily 9 - 12 a.m. towered over other men as the gigantic matterhorn towers over smaller mountains. It was a fine tribute to a noble man.

ALL GREAT MEN or women have not been confined to any one race or creed or class. I am thinking just now of a man I saw and heard only once, but for moral stature I have seldom, if ever heard his equal.

ON THE 18th of October, 1875, a boy was born of the Fanti tribe on the west coast of Africa. His ancestors for generations had been fighters, revelling in the bloodiest kinds of cruel and savage warfare, and often indulging in the most degraded forms of cannibalism. While still a mere boy he was sent by his father to school at the Gold Coast, and there, for the first time in his life he came under the influence of white people. His progress at school was remarkable. He learned his lessons so quickly and thoroughly that his teachers could hardly keep pace with him. No boy of such intelligence had ever attended the school, and at the age of fourteen, after he had passed through all the standards, he was made a teacher. He had also mastered several languages and became an interpreter.

When he was twenty-three years of age, Aggrey visited the United States, and entered Livingstone College, in North Carolina, as a student in the freshman class. Side by side with hundreds of American-born students this black young man from Africa took his place. No student at the college took his work more seriously or made a better record than Aggrey. He was graduated in 1902, and was at the top of a specially able class. Soon after he was offered a position in Livingstone College, which he gladly accepted. He continued to study hard himself, and in 1912 secured his Master of Arts degree, and later earned the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Columbia University.

In 1920 a very important and most carefully selected group, known as the Phelps-Stokes Commission, visited Africa in order to study educational matters. Dr. James Aggrey was invited to become a member of the commission — the only colored man thus honoured. So he returned to his native land, just as he wished, to study how best to help his fellow Africans. The Commission visited all the countries of East Africa, and carefully studied the schools and colleges for natives wherever they went They also studied social conditions, and indeed everything which had to do with the welfare of the African people. Wherever Dr. Aggrey went in Africa he captivated his audiences. He addressed dozens of meetings made up of white people, and they were completely won over to him when they saw him and heard him speak. He addressed large meetings in Cape Town and in many other important towns and cities. The Rhand Daily Mail, an influential South African Newspaper, said: "Dr. Aggrey is probably the most highly educated man in the world." If the whites of Africa were charmed by Dr. Aggrey, the black people were, if possible, even more enthusiastic. On one occasion he spoke to an audience of at least five thousand, some of whom had walked one hundred miles to hear him.

Dr. Aggrey again visited Africa in 1924. Soon after his return to London, England, plans were made for a great native college to be built at Achimota in Africa, and he was appointed to an important position on the college staff, and had a great deal to do with the plans for the truly magnificent institution, the first of its kind in Africa. Unfortunately Dr. Aggrey did not live to enjoy for long his college about which he had dreamed so much. He died very suddenly while on a visit to America in the summer of 1927, when he was just a little over fifty-one years of age. Testimonies to his noble character came from three continents. The Canon of Washington Cathedral said: "In my long acquaintance with Dr. Aggrey I have never known him to act from any except the purest motives. His was a clean life and an unsullied purpose. I believe that the service that he has rendered to the people of the Dark Continent can be compared with what Booker Washington did in a similar way in the United States."

PRINCIPAL FRASER of the Prince of Wales College at Achimota said: "He was a delightful man to live with, full of good humor, never taking offence, and always looking on the bright side of things. He was most devoted to his peole and his country, and was unsparing of himself. He was equally ready to spend his time and labour over the poorest as over the most powerful. He was one of the purest men I have ever met."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY by Wendell Philipps: "Here and there a man forgets himself into immortality."

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