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Notes and Comments

Watch Those Fires

It would appear that spring has definitely arrived, as we are having our annual rash of grass fires.

Some grass fires, of course, are accidental. Others .- are set deliberately and seem to provide fun and games for the whole family, until the wind changes or things eget out of control, and then the fire brigade has to be " called to put them out. Either kind can be dangerous, directly through the damage they may cause, and indirectly by the fact that while the fire department is fighting a grass fire their services might be needed elsewhere on more serious business. Even without considering the danger involved or the damage done, · grass fires cost the taxpayers money.

The simplest way to avoid trouble with grass fires is to resist the impulse in the first place. Failing this, be sure that sufficient protection in the form of water pails and rakes and shovels are at hand, as they may be sufficient to get the fire out before the fire reels

arrive.

Time for Some Road Equipment

It is time Stouffville Municipal Council gave some consideration to the purchase of a small grader or some type of road equipment which could be put into service on short notice as well as be constantly on hand to keep the streets in reasonable condition.

While it can be said that not in many years have all roads in the province been as bad as right now, never have our local streets been so bad and it may be a difficult thing to be able to rent equipment from ineighboring townships who will be hard pressed to put their own roads in passable condition.

When the municipality was smaller such a system worked to an economic advantage, but now with more *-streets to keep up and more travel to knock them to "pieces the town should acquire some road equipment of its own to be ready when needed. A good-size tractor with blade would do a great deal of light grading which is so frequently needed. The tractor could also be equipped with bucket for snow removal and rotary brush for street sweeping. Certainly many man-hours of labour could be saved in this latter connection.

Be A Booster

No matter where you are, or what you are doing, a boost for your community may have favourable repercussions. You never know when your enthusiasm may reach some one whose influence can help the community.

However, being a booster is more than spreading the good name of the community-it means help and support in community endeavours to progress; it means an interested and informed attitude toward the government of the community.

Industrialists know that community spirit and pride are important factors in selecting sites for news; factories. Management will not locate in a town which lacks an attitude of progress and co-operation.

The story of the Schaeffer pen company in Goderich is a good illustration of the point : a service station attendant's enthusiasm for his community helped convince a company official that the Huron county town would make a good site for its Canadian factory.

Keep boosting your community — for industry's sake. Your compliments may pay handsome dividends.

Should Be Tolerant of Newcomers

In recent months there has been a growing tendency on the part of some Canadians to criticize the entry into Canada of what have been labelled, somewhatcruelly, displaced persons.

It has reached the stage now where any person whose control of the English language isn't faultless is immediately branded a DP and often treated as an

outcast. Let us look at the record.

The immigrants are from all strata of society. Among these are many who are professional men and women. Many were once successful in their own countries but because of conditions imposed by a powerhungry minority, they were compelled to abandon their homes.

They have come to Canada, believing this to be a land of equal opportunity. They have come willing to devote their best talents toward the development of their adopted land.

We are, in any event, inherently hospitable. Because all Canadians except the Indians and Eskimos are descendants of immigrants, we should be tolerant of those newcomers.

Immigrants to Canada do not all come from non-English countries. They come here from England, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. They come seeking a chance which economically was denied them in homelands. So came our ancestors, some only a generation ago. As immigrants or descendants of immigrants we should be prepared to offer the latest immigrants the welcome they deserve. We need them, their skills, their cultures, as much as they need understanding and tolerance Swhile they adjust themselves to new ways. -Oshawa Times.

JOB FOR THE MIRACLE MAN





A PAINTER PREACHES

ONE OF THE most famous paintings in the world is "The Light of the World," painted by the English artist, Holman Hunt, and now hangs in St. Paul's Cathedral, London. In that picture we see Jesus standing at a door, and waiting patiently to be admitted. The look on his face is one of infinite gentleness and patience. and thousands of people have been deeply moved by Hunt's masterpiece.

THE DOOR LOOKS old-fashioned End is covered with ivy as though not much in use. He bears in his hands the lamp of truth. He stands and knocks; the suggestion of the artist is that he has been knocking many times but without receiving any response. His eyes tell of love, his face beams with yearning.

A LITTLE GIRL, accompanied by her mother, once saw the picture. As she took in the scene her sympathy was aroused and she said to her mother: "Why doesn't he open the door and go in?" "Because," her mother answered, "the latch is on the inside and he can't go in unless those in the house open the door."

THAT LITTLE THING was one of the marks of a great painting. It is said that one of the Bible verses which was in the mind of Holman Hunt when he painted the picture was: "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him and he with me" (Revelation 3:20). But that door can only be opened from the inside; there is no other way to get in.

It is one or the strange things about life that no one can be compelled to do the right thing. They must decide for themselves. They only can open the latch.

WE OFTEN WONDER why God does not compel men and women to be good. If we stop and think for a moment we see that if people were compelled to do right there could be no virtue in it. Human beings would be no better than machines. We all have freedom of choice. We have the power to make our own decisions. There is always the possibility that they might be wrong but there is no reason why that should be. We have the power to open the door to the highest and the best.

This is surely one of the mysteries of life, that men can accept or reject the overtures of God's grace. Think how true this was of the earthly life of Jesus. "Ye will not come to me that ye might have life." "How often would I have gathered thy children together as a hen gathers her chickens under her wings, and ye would not." "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and sup with him, and he with me." There is no such thing as moral compulsion. Even Jesus must stand at the heart's door and knock and wait until that door is opened from within.

THERE WAS A SENSE in which these people had already come to Jesus. They came to Him in such numbers that He could scarcely find time to eat. They crowded Him and crowded around.. Yet these approaches were physical, and what He wanted was a surrender of heart and life. On one occasion when in the midst of a crowd, He surprised His disciples by asking, "Who touched me?" They replied, with astonishment, "Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayst thou, who touched me?" But Jesus looked around to see who had done that thing, for He knew there had been an approach which was not merely physical.

REPRODUCTIONS OF Hunt's painting have been printed by the thousand; one might almost say by the million. Centuries ago a great Christian leader said truly: "All preaching is not of the

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Tennyson: "Closer is He than breathing, nearer than hands or feet."

Nature Week Hails Life of Jack Miner

Probably even Jack Miner didn't realize what he was starting 51 years ago when he coaxed the first wild geese to land on his farm near Kingsville in western Ontario. . .

In later years his property became a famous bird sanctuword among lovers of nature. Last week Canadians gave thought to the man who spent most of his life protecting wild life as they observed the 8th anniversary of National Wildlife Week.

The week was established by tion in the British Empire." Parliament in 1947 to begin each year on Jack Miner's Planning Can Double bird lover died in 1944.

The late prime minister Mac- Effect of Farm kenzie King said of Mr. Miner; "The inspiration he has given the young and old of many Flowers, Shrubs lands by his life and work will live after him.'

During the week federal and provincial fish and game depreach on the great outdoors. forehand.
The week falls during Easter Miss Lo holidays when school children are free from classes where teachers usually impress upon them the need for conservation.

Two postage stamps, depict-ing two of Canada's nature rarities, the whooping crane and the musk-ox, will be issued by the post office department. There are only 21 whoopers left on the continent and about ten thousand musk-ox.

John Thomas Miner was born near Cleveland, Ohio, April 10, 1865. He came to Canada with his parents in 1878.

An ardent hunter, he real ized something had to be done so near as to exclude the sunto save Canada's fast-decreasing wild life. In 1904 he bought

four wing-tipped Canada geese August, 1909, and from then banded about 50,000.

verse of Scripture on each band as well as his name and address. His birds were spotted across the continent.

Jack Miner, a brick and tile manufacturer with only a few his folks are usually alarmed- of the family, the school or the ary and his name a household months education behind him, and quite rightly so. But mo- laws of the community. Then rapidly became famous as speaker and writer on wild learn a good deal from under will not make the same blunder

In 1934 King George British Empire "for the greatest achievement of conserva-

A farm home can be made attractive with plantings flowers and shrubs. It can be getting into trouble!" partments will stress conserva. made doubly attractive when tion and many clergymen will the plantings are arranged be- this youthful offender through

Miss Louisa Heringa of the horticulture department of the Ontario Agricultural College suggests drawing a sketch of the grounds and marking in the most effective arrangement. Possibly you will need some expert guidance in this task. The main principles in ar-

ranging plantings are: Keep the trees chiefly to the sides and rear of the house rather than in the front, thus forming a background and

frame for the home picture. Place at least one or two trees near enough to the house for convenient shade but not light or cause dampness in the

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Proclamation

Daylight Saving

VILLAGE OF STOUFFVILLE April 24 to September 25, 1955

Whereas the Village Council by resolution adopted on April 4, 1955, has authorized me to issue a proclamation requesting the citizens to observe a period of Daylight Saving Time for the current year, commencing at 2 o'clock A.M. on Sunday, April 24th and continuing until 2 o'clock A.M. on Sunday, September 25th.

To carry out this request of the Village Council it will be necessary that all clocks and watches be advanced one hour at 2 o'clock A.M. on Sunday, April 24th.

Elmer R. Daniels, Reeve. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN



"Gosh, Ekdo—Didn't you get my note?"

FOR PARENTS ONLY

What happens in your home the court's clinic. From long obeyed his 'dad's command not it again."

of schooling from sickness, and his difficulties. she is only back to school a

Juvenile delinquency has a Any situation can be a learnstanding judges, social workers twice. and psychiatrists. Wise hand- It is amusing to see adults awarded him the Order of the ling of a "first offender" in the with no children of their own

> year old lad was up in cour and pleaded guilty on the charge of breaking into a gas station the previous night. He had been caught and his father

when your child is in trouble? experience, Judge Stewart Perhaps he is a little fellow and pointed out, "Until we find out his father's woodcraft hobby why a child did some thing, fascinates him. But he has dis- we can't be sure he won't do

to touch the tool box. Maybe "Why?" is a query often on your younger daughter, feeling the lips of children. But parher wardrobe is not quite ade- ents lead such busy lives that quate has "borrowed" her older they frequently seem to be alsister's favorite kerchief and most completely unconcerned with what thir offspring is do-Misunderstandings between ing. They seldom stop to wonmembers of a family are bad der about his motives. But if enough, but parents particular- they are to be really helpful ly dislike their child getting to a child in trouble, they must into "hot water" away from try to discover the reason for home. Sally has missed a lot week tot find out more about

Blaming, reproaching or nagweek when she is accused of ging at a youngster are very copying. Tom is big for his age poor approaches. Certainly he and sensitive about personal must accept his share of reand started his game sanctuary. remarks. Two of the smaller sponsibility for what he has He banded his first duck in lads in his class gang up and done-but why did he do it? tease him with such effect that As parents, have you not a part until 1915 he is said to have he loses his temper and mops in his guilt? In China in the the ground with both of them. old days, when a youth misbe-In 1915 he started placing a Now their mothers combine to haved, the elders in the village complain of Tom's "bullying"! asked "Who is his father?

terrifying sound in parents' ing one. Together parents and ears. When a child gets into child should find why he has serious trouble with the law, refused to conform to the rules thers and fathers can often there is genuine hope that he

great majority of cases, re- who expect perfection from sults in the youngster steering youngsters. Honest parents clear of delinquency in the fu- who see in thheir own lives a blending of success and fail-Not long ago Judge Loren ure, can hearten their child Stewart, in one of our largest when he is in trouble. They city's juvenile courts, made a can "stand by" with their love significant comment. A ten and their faith in him and reassure him.

"When I was your age life was not all smooth sailing. I made my blunders too! when I was able to see why said angrily, "The kid's always I had acted as I did, it was a big help. We had an old saying The judge asked delay of a in our family, 'A fool makes the tellurium SS State of dis-

Report from Parliament

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

teen million Canadians - and Recipes.

ployees of the Consumer Bra-need to put a stamp on the letnch of the Fisheries Depart- ter, because mail addressed to ment. Their job is to persuade the governmnt goes postage Canadians to eat more fish, free! and to make the fish they eat | I suppose because Members more enjoyable. When they of Parliament are thought to started work, in 1950, we Can- talk to a lot of people - and adians ate on an average about maybe because we have to aptwelve pounds of fish a year; prove the expenditures of the now we are nudging fourteen Fisheries Department as part pounds a year, and the figure of our work-every Member reis going up steadily. Much of ceives an annual invitation to the credit is given to the Con- a fish luncheon in the Test Kitsumer Branch, for they are a chen of the Department. The sort of sales department for Test Kitchen in itself is quite the entire fishing industry of a place; it has all the most mo-Canada, constantly pushing the dern cooking equipment, exsale of every kind of fish. Every cept a dishwashing machine, time they increase average fish while the place of honour is consumption in Canada by one held by an oversize kitchen sale of an extra fifteen million table used for demonstration pounds of fish, that may mean purposes. Hung from the cellthe difference between success ing over the table is a great and failure to hundreds of Ca- mirror, so angled that a large nadian fishermen.

you are affected by their work every motion of the demonstrais through the recipes they de- tor who is preparing a fish on By Nancy Cleaver | velop and publish in pamphlet | the table. This is necessary be-

and wives will find them a best ways of fish preparation,

That new fish recipe your handy thing to have around wife tried out on you last week the kitchen the next time fishmay well have originated in day rolls around in their menu of the Parliament Buildings, making. Four of the recipe Hidden away down there, am pamphlets that I have seen are idst the steam pipes and old called Fish, Delicious Recipes, lumber a little group of attrac- Fish for Year-Round Salads, tive girls are doing much to Canadian Shellfish for Everychange the eating habits of fif- day Meals, and Canadian Fish

in the process they have prob- If you would like copies, you ably increased the income of need merely send a postcard Canadian fishermen by more or letter to the Fisheries Dept. than a million dollars a year. Ottawa, and ask for their fish These young ladies are all recipe paniphlets. There's no qualified dietitians, and em-charge; in fact, you don't even

group of people may sit at one One of the ways in which end of the kitchen and watch cause during the year many These little booklets are av- groups visit the Consumer ailable for the asking - free- Branch and are lectured on the

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