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NOTES and COMMENTS

Public Meeting Helped Cause of Sewers

The public meeting sponsored by the Stouffville Municipal Council on Friday night definitely aided the cause of sewers in the municipality. While the temper of the meeting was favorable, a number of citizens were completely sold on the idea of a sewerage system on the information given out at the meeting.

As stated last week in this column the matter of how the job is to be financed could have a bearing on quite a number of votes and council would be well advised to make public their plan for such financing before June 13th.

If, as it would appear now, all the burden is to be borne by the householders on an assessment basis, we know that a number of voters are going to object. However, if only a minimum flat mill rate is placed on everyone's tax bill with the balance being borne on a frontage rate and on the water rate, a number of ratepayers have expressed their agreement to vote for the system.

The fact that only the portion of Main St. from Church St. east is to be laid at present would have no bearing on this arrangement since main arteries such as this would naturally be carried on the minimum mill rate.

Further impetus to the electorate to vote favorably was added with the announcement that the householders, and there are many, who have drains running into the present storm sewer, will have these cut off. They must surely see that sewers will be the answer to their problem.

Drowning Takes Too Many Lives

With the summer vacation season, when old and young betake themselves to the banks of rivers and lakes in search of relief from the sweltering heat, it is not too early to stress the need for knowledge of the danger that lurks ready to trap the unwary swimmer and boater. It would be well also if more of us had a thorough understanding of artificial respiration as a means of saving lives of those who get into difficulties.

Artificial respiration is almost as old as recorded history. However, it is only in comparatively recent times that methods have been devised that are really effective. In early Biblical times when someone had to be revived, he was placed on his back and hot pitch was thrown on his chest and abdomen. It was thought that this hot pitch would cause an involuntary gasp which would start the victim breathing again.

One mentioned in the Bible was that used by Elijah, who when he found a boy had stopped breathing, laid his weight on him and removed it, repeating this procedure until breathing was restored. Another early method consisted of placing the victim over a bent-over sapling and moving the sapling up and down to restore respiration.

In the 19th century the victim was lashed face downwards over the back of a horse and the horse was set off at a trot with the belief that jogging would force air in and out of the lungs. In the 18th century the French introduced the method of rolling a drowning person over a barrel, to take water out of the lungs. However, it is known now that very little water gets into the lungs in drowning.

Last year between 900 and 1,000 persons in Canada lost their lives by drowning. Perhaps there were some people around when some of these victims were removed from the water, but they could not do anything to help them. The devotion of a little time to learning artificial respiration will help reduce this needless loss of life. —Oshawa Times.

Summer Kitchens

Out through the Ontario countryside farm housewives are making their annual transposition. They are moving into the "summer kitchens." There they will be doing their cooking, baking and serving of meals until the cold weather of autumn drives them into their winter quarters.

A large proportion of Ontario farm homes have two kitchens, or at least two large rooms they use for that purpose. During the winter the room which might more properly be called the dining room is used. It is in the main part of the home, and warm.

The "summer kitchens" normally are large rooms affixed to the back part of the home. In some cases they are of frame construction, contrasting with the brick of the main part of the house. They have a back door, leading to the vegetable garden and a front one opening onto the lawn. By opening both doors, the housewife can take advantage of whatever breeze there may be during the hot summer weeks.

It is a handy arrangement. With the cooking done in the "summer kitchen," the main part of the house can be relatively cool. Also, it can be kept clean, with the menfolk and their dusty clothing getting no farther than the outer kitchen from morning until bedtime. It is a sign of the advent of warm weather when the women transfer their activities to the "summer kitchen."

Folk brought up in spacious farm homes, with "summer kitchens" attached, never get quite accustomed to the tiny quarters which pass for kitchens in most modern urban dwellings.

Queen's Honors An Editor

As a young man, George W. James of Bowmanville had three ambitions: to become editor of the Statesman, treasurer of his church and mayor of the town. He achieved all of them. Earlier, he evidently thought of becoming a doctor, and as a junior matriculant registered for the University of Toronto medical course. He did not follow that up, but now becomes a doctor all the same; Queen's University last week conferred upon him an honorary LL.D. in recognition of a great variety of public services.

Bowmanville's weekly newspaper, 100 years old, was acquired 77 years ago by M. A. James, father of the present editor, and has been in the family for three generations. The editor's nephew and business partner, John M. James, has been MP for Durham constituency since 1949. George James' son, William, won rank of major and a DSO in World War II. Due in great part to the personality of George James, the Statesman has long wielded a wide influence, and its editorial page is widely quoted. The paper is its editor's vocation, his hobby, and a public trust to be administered honestly and fearlessly. A lesson he learned from his father: "Don't be afraid to express yourself; people will respect

BETWEEN OURSELVES

BY Archer Wallace

THE YOUNG IN HEART

IT IS FREQUENTLY SAID that a man is just as old as his arteries. Many a man is as old at forty as another at ninety. In other ways men differ, especially in their outlook on life. It seems to me that older people are more cheerful and tolerant than they appear to have been even half a century ago.

WHAT KEEPS people young in heart? I don't pretend to have the whole answer but I do know some things, and they are: A sense of humour is a great help. Many years ago I went to a small town to preach. I was met at the station by an eighty-four year old man with a horse and buggy. He was a lively old man and so was his horse. I got into the buggy with some hesitation. Then I pulled a boner. I said, "Isn't that a lively horse for an old man to drive?" He answered: "It certainly is, and I wouldn't let an old man touch her." The eighty-four year old man chuckled, and I knew I deserved the rebuke. Later, I found this old man was the liveliest and best-loved man in the town. His sense of humour was irreplaceable. Every Sunday he conducted a Bible study class of sixty members.

HE REMINDED ME of a humorist, Tom Hood, who in his last illness, had a large mustard plaster put on his chest. Hood, always a small man, looked at the plaster and said: "That is an awful lot of mustard for such a little bit of meat."

WHEN PEOPLE ACT naturally I think they will live longer and be happier. In J. M. Barrie's book, "The Little Minister," he tells of the lively young minister coming to church on a windy Sunday and his hat blowing over a fence. He leaped over the fence and grabbed his hat. The old people were shocked and called a meeting of the officials of the church to discuss the affair. The old man, more liberal than others, protested that the minister had a right to chase the hat. To this, one solemn official said: "If the minister is going to run, he should run very reverently." What kind of a wiggle that would be I'll never know.

ASSOCIATION WITH YOUNGSTERS keeps people young. When the British poet, Francis Thomson, was dying, he said to those at his bedside: "When you get to heaven you will find me in the nurseries." He had always been a great lover of children. If ever I grow impatient with young people, I know I'm getting old.

OLIVER WENDALL HOLMES said: "It is enthusiasm for some cause that makes life worth living." That is profoundly true. Recently a man died in England Whom I knew well. He retired from teaching school at sixty-five and began the study of languages, and to the end he was thrilled with his interests. There is no valid reason why time should write wrinkles on the soul.

ANOTHER OLD MAN found a hobby in attending children's parties, and being the "life of the party." He had learned some simple tricks of magic and he enjoyed it as much as the youngsters.

TALKING ABOUT TRICKS I am reminded of a story of Canon Ainger, once Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral. He loved children's parties and was once invited to one in London. Dressed in full clericals, he arrived at the address given him. When the servant opened the door he said: "Don't let them know I am here." Then he flopped on his knees and made for a room from which he heard voices. He grunted like a pig, crowed like a rooster, and barked like a dog. Instead of children's laughter, he was astonished at the silence. He looked up to see a dozen ladies and gentlemen looking at him with great astonishment. He had the wrong address: the children's party was next door!

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Longfellow: "What the leaves are to the forest, so to the world are children."

For Parents Only

Birthdays Important

By Nancy Cleaver

"What day was I born on? Can you say the Birthday rhyme for me?" How often a child asks for this anonymous little verse which was quoted almost seventy years ago in Harper's Weekly.

"Monday's child is fair of face; Tuesday's child is full of grace; Wednesday's child is loving and giving; Thursday's child works hard for a living; Friday's child is full of woe; Saturday's child has far to go; But the child that is born on the Sabbath-day, is brave and bony, and good and gay."

Birthdays have a great fascination for boys and girls. They want to know not only on what day they were born, but they long to be told how much father and mother wanted a little son or daughter. A child will listen eagerly to the story of mother going to the hospital, of mother's and dad's first glimpse of him, of what he looked like when he was tiny.

A birthday party is a great event for a child. It does take extra work and careful planning — but it is well worth all the trouble. This special event gives a child happy memories to look back on when he is grown and away from home.

Part of the secret of a successful party is to let the child share in making the plans for it and assist in the preparations. Encourage a child to print his own invitations and if possible, deliver them.

Janey, a ten-year-old girl, asked her mother, "Couldn't I have a doll dress-making Birthday Party?" The month before, her mother had cut out a doll's dress from a pretty remnant piece of cotton broadcloth. With just a little direction and help, Janey had sewn her first doll's dress. Her feeling of achievement was very great.

Her mother was willing to follow Janey's suggestion. Each little girl invited to the party was asked to bring a small doll. Two of the other mothers helped cut out the doll dresses. The happy guests sat around the table and chattered like their grandmothers at a Quilling Bee fifty years ago. They took home their partly sewn doll dresses instead of the usual party favours. They all considered this one of the best parties they had ever attended.

Whatever the plans for a Birthday, it is the love expressed not only in gifts but in a happy shared experience that make it a Red Letter Day. Birthday Celebrations knit members of a family together. Thus they are significant, not only for the child whose natal day is being celebrated, but they also have value for the home as a unit. Birthdays are indeed important! Why not make different plans for the Birthdays in your family this year, and not just follow the same pattern of other years? (Copyright)

The more you read the better you're fixed to worry about conditions in all parts of the world.

Now that drive-in theatres are open again, little tots have found a new place to fall asleep.

you even if they disagree."

Mr. James has sponsored or taken part in innumerable projects for civic welfare or on behalf of his district, and not a few on the national level. He has been spokesman for the farmers, small business men, and at times has done a liaison job for industry, in need of better public relations. No man is held in higher esteem by Durham county people or by his colleagues of the weekly press. His degree from Queen's, latest of many honors, serves to spotlight a newspaper career of unusual distinction. —The Telegram.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Are you trying to thwart my career?"

REPORT from PARLIAMENT

By Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

The Standing Committee of the House of Commons on External Affairs has commenced its sittings. As the first witness before this Committee, Mr. Lester B. Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, gave the Members an outline of the present world situation. The Members queried him on the different aspects of world conditions and asked him for his personal views on the outcome of some of the very ticklish problems. This Committee will sit for another two or three weeks before its business is completed.

We have started sittings of the Standing Committee of the House of Commons on Industrial Relations and the Bill under discussion is the Bill to amend the Unemployment Insurance Act. The Committee has already heard presentations of Labour, the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, and others, regarding these amendments to the Act. These presentations have been most critical of the various aspects of the amendments, and the criticisms of these important delegations have been noted and no doubt will be dealt with by the Committee, which is sitting twice a day on some occasions.

Ottawa's Annual Tulip Festival commenced this year on Sunday, May 15th. Every day a great many tourists visited Parliament Hill to see the special display which had been laid out on the Parliamentary lawn.

This Tulip Festival all began as a result of Princess Juliana's stay in Ottawa during the War. Upon her return to the Netherlands she promised to supply 35,000 Dutch bulbs annually to the City of Ottawa as an expression of her appreciation for Canada's wartime hospitality. This offer was immediately supported by an additional 100,000 tulip bulbs supplied by the tulip growers of Holland. These 135,000 bulbs provided the basis for the display of tulips which has become one of the outstanding floral displays on the North American Continent. This year there were 1,000,

000 bulbs on display, altogether about 200 varieties were involved. The flowers are concentrated along the Federal District Commission Driveway which winds along the historic Rideau Canal through the City of Ottawa. The spectacle belongs to the people of Canada.

Canada's populations reached 15,482,000 at the start of March, one percent more than three months earlier and 2.6 percent more than on the same date last year.

The net income of Canadian farmers last year was about one third less than in 1952, the decline being due largely to poor prairie crops.

We have another Motion to go into Supply, which gave an opportunity to submit an amendment of non-confidence in the Government. The amendment this time was in respect to the Saskatchewan River Dam, a perennial subject which has been discussed time and time again whenever an opportunity presented itself.

This amendment was defeated by the Government Members and was immediately followed by presentations by various Members who had certain grievances.

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