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Editorials

Just 27 Left

The number is now down to 27. It's really true — there are only 27 shopping days left until Christmas. It won't be long now. We want to remind readers that you'll profit by shopping early — and by shopping in your home community.

Choose Wisely This Election

The secret of good municipal government lies in the ability of the ratepayers to select trustworthy and able citizens to act as their officials. For more than seventy-five years annual nominations and elections have been held in Stouffville, and citizens have given unselfishly of their time and ability to serve on town council and school board.

Formerly the municipal administration was rather a simple affair. However, as the years have passed, the duties and responsibilities of our elected representatives have increased greatly and have become more involved.

Unless this unselfish service continues, government at the municipal level will disappear and our town affairs will be controlled completely by outside departments. This, surely, would be a backward step.

It is true, the remuneration paid to elected officials is small, and some, such as members of the school board receive nothing at all. But there are benefits. Each member of Council or Board has the personal satisfaction of being of service to his town and fellow citizens.

While it is not possible for all citizens to offer their services, it is the duty of all to show an interest in the affairs of the municipality.

Not Enough Real Thinking. When we were a young gaffer, Dad used to tell us that there wasn't enough real thinking going on in the world.

The trouble today seems to be that people can pass their whole leisure time and most of their working hours without any mental exertion whatsoever.

Possibly, if you were to suggest to most people that they never really thought about anything, they would be quite indignant. But, figure it out. Most people might think that they are thinking when they are only imbibing ideas of others and absorbing them like a sick sponge.

The average man has lots of ideas and opinions on all sorts of things from elephants to elbows; from wars to hockey players. He's ready with confident answers to questions for a few minutes. But five minutes after the discussion on any one subject begins, you feel you have heard the answers before.

He didn't get the answers by thinking. Possibly the only way to start right on this thinking business is to begin when you are young. If the habit of real thinking isn't acquired in youth, it is extremely unlikely that it will ever be acquired at all.

Those rebels and pioneers may not have been too popular at times, but without them and their own thinking, there would have been no progress whatever. Only stagnation. —Elmira Signet.

Pushing buttons to change gears on a car is too much trouble. Means should be provided so we could change gears by a wave of the hand — a slight wave, of course. You can give your newly decorated kitchen a look of continuity by using leftover pieces of wallpaper to cover kitchen

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

WHO MOVES IN. JESUS TOLD A STORY of a house which had been cleaned and garnished and an evil spirit had been cast out. The house remained empty and the evil spirit found seven other dwellers and the last stage was worse than the first.

IF THE HOUSE had been occupied when the evil spirit came to see how things were, there would have been no room for it, and it would have gone away. But a house is built for someone to live in it; no one intends a house to stand empty.

ALL SEAMEN KNOW that a ship is much safer when moving ahead than when standing still. A ship not making progress is in danger; ships are not made to stand still.

A BRITISH WRITER SAYS: "There are several hundred thousand people singing in the choirs of British Churches each Sabbath and it is a mighty good thing for them. It is a grand wholesome occupation and keeps their minds healthy."

SOME MEN ARE TIRED at the end of the day; others insist on helping with the dishes — God bless them. OUR QUOTATION TODAY is from Corinthians: "Ye are labourers together with God."

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FOR PARENTS ONLY United Nations Flag By Nancy Cleaver

See, Mother! See the blue and white flag! Where did it come from?" asked Jim. "Why, that's the United Nations flag."

A flag never fails to interest a boy or girl and in countless countries all around the world. The ground color is a lovely blue, symbolic of hope and peace, as well as the common sky over all the world.

It belongs to people of many languages and living in five dozen different countries. In the design there are no crowns or stars or swords representing sovereignty or conquest.

In the history of the nations from earliest times, groups of people have been represented by animals or other designs borne on poles. After weaving and dyeing came into common use, the emblems were often made of cloth fluttering on a staff.

Without any fuss or demonstration, at noon on Oct. 21, 1947, the UN flag was hoisted at the same time at the General Assembly Building at Flushing Meadows, where a session was being held, and over the Secretariat Building at Lake Success a Security Guard raised it.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



JOINT BANK ACCOUNT

Here is an illustration of the trouble and confusion which often follows the death of one of the owners of a joint bank account. In this case the deceased owner had the account set up with her cousin, who resided in Michigan, as joint owner with right of survivorship set out in the signature card signed by both parties.

Joint bank accounts serve a useful purpose if properly used by those who fully understand their implications. Not many persons, however, are aware of the following legal principles. (1) A joint bank account created by a husband for his wife, or by a father for his child, is upon his death, presumed to belong to the surviving wife or child.

The law permits a widow to recover damages in such circumstances where she has suffered financial loss or where she would have reasonable expectation of financial benefit from the continuance of her husband's life.

PINE ORCHARD

Mrs. Walter Johnston Mrs. Westley Lundy spent a couple of days with Miss White in Toronto. Donald Johnston and Bill Dike enjoyed a week's hunting in the Haliburton district. Mr. Jim Tidman of Port Arthur was calling on old friends last week in our community.

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I left my husband several years ago because he drank too much and threatened me. I have received no support from him since. Several times we discussed trying it again but I didn't dare leave my job until I was sure he would keep his promises.

Probably you can recover damages if the other driver was negligent. The facts of no two cases are the same. You should discuss it with your lawyer, and be sure to tell him everything you know about the case.

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