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Editorials

Ending Cigaret Habit

The tobacco habit, once acquired, is not easily broken even by persons who have fairly strong will-power.

So it is interesting to read that an army doctor in Texas has suggested a method for losing the tobacco habit which might work for some people.

Each day the smoker postpones for one hour longer the first cigarette.

On the first day, as many cigarettes as desired may be smoked. On the second day, the first cigarette is put off for one hour, but after that the smoker consumes as many as he wishes.

The theory is that, if the smoker can consume an unlimited number of cigarettes after his period of abstinence, he loses his fear of the program.

They Bid For Industry

The smaller communities of Ontario have entered the race for new industries and, judging by recent acquisitions, they are going to get their fair share.

Determined councillors, municipal officials and civic leaders are devoting hours, days and weeks to the never-ending task of deluging prospective businesses with data on the attractions and advantages of their respective communities.

The man on the street is also asked to play a part. A taxi driver, for instance, chauffeuring a visiting industrialist, can make a lasting impression and pave the way for a new industry to locate in his community.

Why all the furor? The answer is multiple. New industry provides employment and a payroll, resulting in increased business for the merchant and general prosperity.

In Norfolk County, the towns of Simcoe, Port Dover and Delhi are putting forth a tremendous effort to attract industry. They have chalked up several notable successes and have every hope of progress in this regard in the future.

Industrial promotion is, of course, only one phase of the busy whirl in the smaller communities in this modern age. But it has become recognized as an essential activity and the next few years should see a spurt of competitive bidding for industry that will be unsurpassed for sheer aggressiveness.

Hit and Miss Assessment Hurting Householders

While we appreciate the sincerity and good intention of Reeve Daniels of Stouffville in turning down a bid for measured assessment at a recent council meeting we believe that the lack of this uniform system of assessment will work an increasing hardship on the householders of town.

A number of the homes in our neighboring town found their taxes less under the measured basis because the mill rate was lowered so considerably, even though their assessments were higher.

The County in estimating its share of local taxes is equalizing the assessments of all the municipalities so that the amount paid by Stouffville and Markham varies very little even though Markham's total assessment is more than twice as great.

A spot-check of an average house in Markham which carries an assessment of \$2300, and one in Stouffville with the same assessment reveals that the Markham home pays \$88 taxes as against \$170 in Stouffville.

The position of the assessor is made immeasurably more difficult under the present hit and miss method of assessing which in fact is no method at all, since it is only one man's opinion against another when it comes to value.

Deputy-Reeve Burk has shown opposition to the change. He claims there was hardship in Pickering Township where he was once resident, caused by measured assessment. However, it should be recalled that at the time the deputy-reeve refers to, measured assessment was in its infancy, and Pickering Township was one of the municipalities which pioneered the uniform system.

Assessment in Stouffville will always be an unpopular jumble until a systematic system is established and no number of changes in assessors will remedy the situation if each continues to work on the "eyeball system."

THE TRUE MESSAGE OF EASTER



The Overcomers

A FRIEND OF MINE, who has several terms as principal of a city high-school but, for nearly ten years had helped a large institution for handicapped children, said it was his emphatic opinion that these crippled children were happier and more contented than the groups he had taught in city schools.

ISAAC WATTS, one of the most voluminous of all hymn-writers, as a baby was sick and puny and throughout life was so frail and delicate that his life was often despaired of.

Now, IT ISN'T THAT THESE PEOPLE were resigned and accepted the inevitable with resignation and set teeth. They were supremely happy, and their high spirits and vivacity astonished all who knew them.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO, at the request of a man and his wife living in California, I went to see a lady living at the Home for Incurables in a Canadian city.

I HAD SEEN SOME INMATES of the institution out on the verandah and asked the lady how often she was able to go there. "I have never been out on the verandah," she said.

OUR QUOTATION FOR TODAY is an old proverb: "Keep busy - Even the devil himself can't fill your bag with beans if you have it filled with peas."

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"OOPS!"

The Cross - The Crown

They crucified Christ the Saviour On a cross on Calvary; The symbol of our redemption Given for you and me.

But on that Easter morning, God's Angel did appear And said: Christ, He is risen; You cannot find Him here.

It is by this sign we conquer, And by this cross we live; For God in all His wisdom His beloved son did give.

That we, His earthly children, May find eternal rest, And glory in His holiness Wherein we will be blest.

Then may we help to bear His cross, And hope to wear His crown; To labour with Him side by side -

May this joy to us be known.

The cross and crown must be our goal,

For the heavenly gates are opened

With the key of Christ's own cross.

EDITOR'S MAIL

MARKHAM TOWNSHIP.

Dear Sirs, Your Treasurer whose duties terminate on March 31st will then be a free lance. It is my intention to tell the residents of the Township what they should know instead of what certain committees of Council want you to know.

I will also give you the real reason why three employees resigned within a matter of two weeks.

We have all heard about hidden Assets. I am going to reverse the order and tell you of a few hidden Liabilities.

Keep your eyes open after the 31st for some facts about the internal workings of your Township that do not appear in a Balance Sheet.

Yours, Del Ryder 240 Main St., Box 8, Agincourt

The following letter has been received from Arthur L. Hore of Markham Village. In an accompanying letter, he notes the Fluorine question is not yet settled - Forest Hill Council has beat the City of Toronto's decree to fluoridate the Metro water supply.

Markham, Ont. Editor, The Tribune, Dear Sir:

We are still opposed to Fluoridation of our water, and can give good reasons for it. Dr. Gillies and the Toronto Health League accused us as "fanatics, prejudiced and in want of common sense, but as this World is an echo chamber" they will hear the same voices applied to them.

Markham water comes from mineral springs and has the usual amount of fluorine in it, and our foods also have .5 mgs. of daily intake.

We now wonder if the water in Lake Ontario has any fluorine in it? We await a reply from Dr. Gordon Bates, and the Health League in Toronto.

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Thank you, Arthur L. Hore

Dear Mr. Editor,

Since the current cables scare the heat has been turned on myself and other members of the canine world.

What about cats? Why ain't they dead? The mealy-mouthed little snitches can crawl the alleys 12 months a year and nobody says a word.

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civil defence notebook

CD and New Weapons

(7th in a series of 24 articles)

The evolution of weapons with greater and greater powers of devastation has made civil defence as vital to the small community as it is to the large city.

While the over-all effects of a mass saturation raid such as took place in the summer of 1943 on Hamburg, was tremendous, the atomic bomb is capable of creating the same degree of destruction from one bomber and one bomb in a matter of a few minutes.

So civil defence today is different in many ways from that which was used during the 2nd World War. It has had to change as the threats of new weapons changed.

The single atomic bomb that fell on Hiroshima in August, 1945 destroyed 52,000 of 90,000 buildings and damaged 6,000 more beyond repair.

It became apparent, says the federal co-ordinator, that civil defence planning had to be revised. Emphasis was shifted from a policy of "duck and cover" to one of "evacuation" where time permits.

But what really brought the small community into the changing civil defence picture was the aftermath of atomic bombs - nuclear radiation.

These highly radioactive particles are sucked into the air as high as 80,000 feet. Air currents catch them up and carry them until they slowly drift to the ground as "fall-out." This

fall-out may cover an area 150 or more miles long and 40 miles wide, depending on air currents. The danger it presents also varies, depending on the length of time it has drifted in the sky.

But this threat is far from hopeless. The radioactivity of fallout largely disappeared, usually, within 48 hours. A community could escape the danger if it were prepared.

It is because of these new dangers to even the small, out-of-the-way community that civil defence planning has been extended to include the towns and villages and the farms as well.

Is the situation hopeless? Civil defence says "no." Self protection measures become even more important since many more people are likely to be affected.

African Bible Written Word For Word

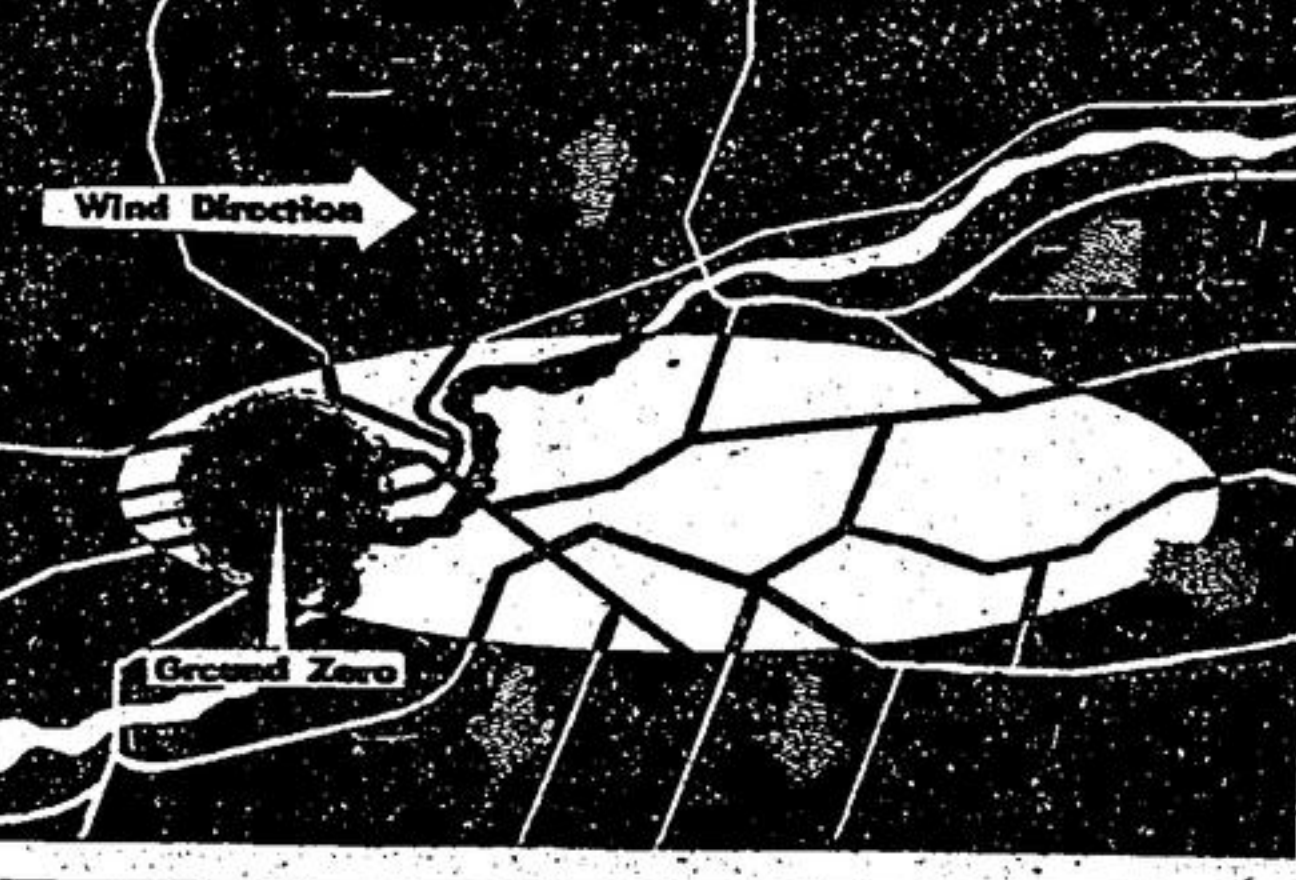
The first full-size book in the Ngambal language recently arrived in French Equatorial Africa, according to two Toronto Missionaries working at Kou-tou.

"The Ngambal New Testament is HERE!!" "These exclamations mark the ecstasy of our joy," wrote Frances and Victor Veary.

mean we lack words to express the ecstasy of our joy," wrote Frances and Victor Veary. This was the reaction of the missionaries. The natives were equally ecstatic when one Christian, Zacharie Yangar by name, was given a copy.

The missionaries were reminded of their search for the 5,000 words of which the New Testament in Ngambal consists when the books were delivered.

For months and years they had gone from one native to another with the questions "What is this? What is that?" This digging for Ngambal words they likened to the search for diamonds in the mines nearby.



BEST CUSTOMER

THE STEEL INDUSTRY'S best customer is the farmer.

Directly, the farmer as an individual is a buyer of steel and on the farmer's prosperity rests the prosperity of the farm implement business, which is one of the three Canadian industries using the most steel.

The two other largest direct customers of the steel industry are the railways and the automotive industry. These also are largely dependent on the farmer's prosperity.

Motor vehicles owned by the farmer or by other people moving foodstuffs account for a large part of the total automotive business.

Because it is in the steel industry's interest that the farmer have profitable crops, the industry must try to keep down the costs of steel products the farmer must buy.

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