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rriday Night Shopping Next month (May) Stouffville is due to return to the annual system of two open nights a week, Tuesday and Saturday. At the time this comment was written there had been no move to advertise the annual change and we are wondering if some merchants have another move in mind.

There is the suggestion that Tuesday night be omitted and Friday and Saturday be substituted. In some shopping centres the two night system' is in vogue, shopping being both Thursday and Friday nights.

On the other hand there are those merchants of long standing who believe the only night in the week for Stouffville is Saturday and they have in their favor the argument that this town has always been an outstanding Saturday night shopping centre. At present Stouffville is surrounded with towns open on Friday. While we still are of the opinion that here the trade is predominantly farm trade, the population in town and nearby is becoming increasingly commercial and industrial who by and large favor Friday night.

This week the town of Strathroy is making the

same move. As we see it, the matter is not one for this newspaper to dictate. However, we are of the opinion that little if any business would be lost should such a change be made. Saturday daytime business is exceedingly heavy and would continue to be so. True, there is the belief, particularly among long-established businesses that "a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush," so why upset a good thing. This is a matter of opinion to which they are entitled. On the side of Friday night we could mention that it might eliminate some of the Sunday morning fatigue that has always been resentful of church bells.

How do you feel about the spreading move to substitute Friday evening shopping for Saturday? Let us hear from you, our readers.

How Nervy Can You Get?

The Dominion government is being asked to contribute unemployment insurance funds to strikers who lay down their tools of their own free will. The move is being pressed by the Calgary Trade and Labor Council. Why, in the name of common sense, the government should feel in any way obliged to pay unemployment insurance to those who do not desire to work if not on their own terms, we wouldn't know. Such "brass" is beyond comprehension in a rural community such as ours.

In case of a strike, the government would be clearly loading the dice against one of the parties in the dispute, since the vast sums taken from the strikers in "peace" time, would not have to be paid out during the

Some merit can be seen in paying unemployment insurance to persons laid off through no fault of their own, by a strike somewhere else, but to provide government aid to those who decide it is in their best interests to throw a monkey wrench into the works by striking, is carrying union powers far beyond any fair and just limits.



For Parents Only Tribute to Jack Miner By Nancy Cleaver

ments in establishing strategic

bird sanctuaries and in regu-

Miner captured the heart of

young and old, and impressed

his audiences with the value of

their heritage of field and for-

est, of wild animals and birds.

they found it easy to like him

funeral, one of the loveliest

comments on the character of

the man was made by a girl who

vious summer. She said, "I will

never think of him as dead -

Like most men of the out-of-

doors, Jack Miner was a truly

stars without being compelled

In his public addresses, Jack.

lating shooting privileges.

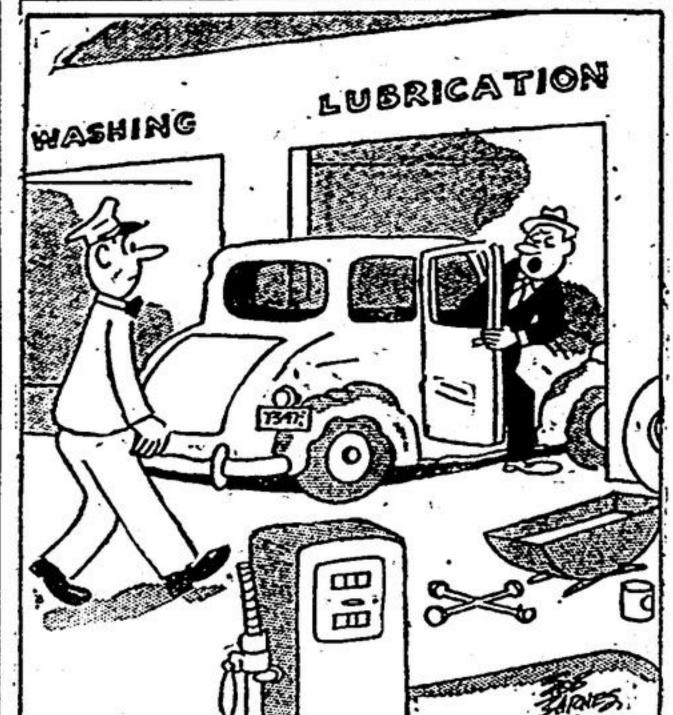
young and old of many lands was killed in North Carolina. ally they talk of the past and Holmes was slightly amused but by his life and work will live Six years later Jack Miner de- like Mark Twain, in his old age, quite pleased. "It is a great after him," said Mackenzie King cided to concentrate on band- they have lively imaginations. joy," he said, "for those of us a dozen years ago, at the time ing Canada geese. On the tags Said Mark: "I used to tell stor- who are going down the hill to of the great naturalists's death. he wrote his address and a verse les about things that happened be so well thought of by those

.Whenever conservation education is mentioned, Canadian boys and girls hear the name of Jack Miner from their teachers. But this man's contribution to the growth of the bird sanctuary idea should be discussed in the family circle too.

When Jack Miner visited the Fergus School, when I was a child, he made a vivid impresslon on everyone who heard him. Here was a man, sincere, He loved boys and girls, and unaffected, enthusiastic about a great idea, speaking from and join in his conservation his own experience. My brother, campaign. At the time of his sisters and I told our parents at supper time all we could about his talk. I can remember my father saying, "Jack Miner had worked on his farm the preis doing what we all should be trying to accomplish, each in our own way. Everyone should he was too nice alive." leave the world a better place than he finds it." To be at home in the out-of-doors is an art, religious man. Once he said, and Jack Miner had mastered "No man can live in the great it thoroughly. Although he had out-of-doors and study the creabut three months of continuous tures which occupy it before schooling, he was educated in man has any control over them, the vast store of knowledge of and consider the regularity of the wild animals and birds of the sun, moon and whispering our woods.

Early in this century Jack to believe there is an over-rul-Miner realized the necessity of ing Power." He had a real sense conservation of our natural re- of purpose in his own vocation, sources. He formed one of the which is shown in his remarks, then along by Regents Park, brow cocked over a guilty first game protective associa- "Back of me, in all my undertions in Canada, indeed, on this takings, is God." continent. His bird sanctuary | We need more Canadians tonear Kingsville became famous day of Jack Miner's caliber. The and served as a model and in- first concern of parents is the spiration for several hundred character development of their other bird havens. In the barren children, and in this out-offields of his farm Jack Miner doors man with so little formal and his workers dug the hol- education there flourished many est in the conservation of our lows for the ponds for wild of the fine things of the mind ducks and geese. Countless trees and the spirit which we covet water, forest, flowers, fish, birds were planted as a windbreak for our children. and for the use of insect-eating Jack Miner's two books. On all can claim as our own and birds.

In 1909 Jack Miner began his and the Birds, may be found in



OF THE WEEK

"Wash it, grease it and check the sawdust in the rear-end."



"Roses In December"

A few years ago a minister, body exaggerated a little. pastor of a downtown church | There must be hundreds of in one of our large cities, was situations where an organizatouched by the number of old tion of elderly people would people in the district. From a bring help and healing; a live score of different countries Bible Class or Young People's they came and many, of course, Society could do it, thus giving born in this land. They were and receiving a blessing. The old, lonely and for the most pastor himself died not long part, friendless. They differed ago, but the Club continues its

a small room he heard stories Roses in December Club." of better days, or nostalgic I am glad to pass along this talks of better times: told fre- little story with the hope that quently without bitterness or it may have suggestive value. self-pity. The climax came when There isn't a village, town or at the funeral of an old man, city in this vast land without there was no one present but a its quota of lonely old people. deaconess, the undertaker and They are the has beens of life's

formation of a new organiza- now on the sidelines.

That was the beginning of the good times in the past. the "Roses in December Club." meeting held around the church hope. has had a finer atmosphere.

of Scripture. During his life and some that didn't. Now I who are coming up the hill."

in many ways but they were weekly meetings. Recently a alike in their loneliness. A few member died who had no attended the church services friends or relatives in this but quite a number were country but there were over self-conscious about their shab- eighty people at the funeral by clothes and because they service, practically all members could not contribute to the of the Club, and on the casket was a lovely wreath and a card: Sometimes in the privacy of "From the members of the"

game; the players who have Straightway he announced the had their palmy days but are

tion in the church. Remember- In a previous essay I talked ing James Barrie's beautiful about cheerful old age and I phrase: "God gave us memory am bound to say that many of so that we might have roses in the happiest people I have ever December," he seized upon that known have been in their sevenname. From the church pulpit ties or eighties. It was once he told of his plans and invited accepted that elderly people all the old people who felt the must be morose or melancholy. need of fellowship to join the Even Cicero said that the aged could do nothing but think of

The philosopher was mistak-One evening a week the old en. The writer of the 1st Psalm people met for a lively meeting, knew better than that. Although bright and cheerful and refresh- springtime is the period of ments. The membership grew fresh leaves and vitality, he enuntil there were over a hundred visaged a life with old age fruitlight of the week. Old People not wither." Here is a life always great joy. who had felt they were dere- crowned with unfading leaves licts, became acquainted and no and undiminished courage and

When Oliver Wendell Holmes sphere of infamy. "Jack Miner has rendered bird-tagging activities when he They do everything from sing- was an old man he met a youth our country great services. The placed an aluminum band on a ing hymns and old songs to who told him how highly he time he banded hundreds of can only remember the ones. Our quotation today is by geese. This project helped both that didn't happen." Well, it Jonathan Swift: Wo wise man the Canadian and U.S. govern- would be a drab world if no- ever wished to be younger.",

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE CHURCH REACHES OUT praying for Samaritans, eager (Lesson for April 29) eges shared by their despised Acts 8: 4-40

Golden Text- By this shall all neighbors! to another.-John 13:35

Approach to the Lesson down to Samaria he was going ties. north from Jerusalem.

that he went "to the city of received the Holy Ghost." Re-Samarla," but some very old ceiving the Holy Spirit in conauthorities omit the definite nection with the laying on of article, and read, "a city of Sa- hands was repeated in Ephemaria." The fact is that at the sus. But the Holy Spirit came time in question the city of upon the Roman Cornelius and Samaria no longer went by that his household apart from such name. Herod the Great had re- imposition of hands, apostolic built it and renamed it "Se- or otherwise (10:44, 45). baste" in honor of the Roman | Verse 18-25 tell the story of Emperor. It is rather likely that Simon's shame, and reveal the if this city was the one in ques- unreality of his professed contion, Luke would have called it version. by its new name. It is just possible that the city was Gitta, the Lord spake unto Philip . . . bility for the entire work of the which, according to Justin Mar- go . . . the way . . . from Jeru- Gospel, they sent Peter and tyr, was the birthplace of Si- salem unto Gaza, which is des. John as a delegation to examine mon Magus, the strange charac- ert." The Jerusalem-Gaza road the work that was being accomter who figures so largely in was an important artery be plished. Although these Jewish the chapter of our study. Gitta tween Palestine and Egypt. | apostles had still a long way to was not far from Sychar where Verse 27-"And an eunuch go in being delivered from Jew-Jesus spent two days, and ... under Candace queen of the ish prejudices, there was alder the ministry of Philip.

as the town of that name to- status. day. Important events are foc- | Verse 28-"Was returning . . . of need, and the Spirit of God used upon that section of the read Esaias the prophet." The who had so notably used Philip troubled Near East at the pres-i journey would be leisurely en- in a work of mass evangelism ent time. The student should se- ough, and would offer good now commissioned him to a cure a good map of the Holy opportunity to improve his work of personal evangelism. Land in the time of Christ and knowledge of the Scriptures. From the city crowds he was the apostles, and note these He probably used the Greek sent to a desert place to meet three places. Verse by Werse

Acts 8:4 - "Therefore they day. : that were scattered abroad went | Verse 34-". . . of whom found in the religion of the every where preaching the speaketh the prophet this?" A Jews, had traveled all the way word." The "therefore" looks very intelligent question, giving from Ethiopia to worship at back to the intense persecution Philip a wonderful opportunity. one of the Jewish festivals. He described in the previous verses. | Verse 35-"Then Philip . . | was a man of great authority The persecuted and scattered preached unto him Jesus." Here in Ethiopia, but as a eunuch

down to the city of Samaria." sacrifice in Isaiah 53. Philip was, like Stephen, one of The Heart of the Lesson even if only afar off, and was the seven appointed to serve | Giving directions to His apos- studying the Scriptures on his tables. "Down" in this case tles for the propagation of the way back to his own land. To portunity for the church and meant north. Some ancient au- Gospel, Jesus had indicated a this traveler, Philip was direct. the home to join in the furtherthorities read, "a city of Sam- program of expansion-"Jeru- ed. There can be no doubt that aria." See Approach to the Les- salem, . . . Judea, . . . Samaria it was by the good providence

with one accord gave heed . . . been largely confined to Jeru- gelical section of the most evanhearing and seeing." Here was salem and its vicinity. The ex- gelical of the prophets. So with a "mass movement." What the pansion program seemed to be Isaiah 53 as his text, Philip was this, the home must have the people heard was confirmed by forgotten. But God has wonder- enabled to lead this seeker to a help of the church, bolstering

were healed." This verse indi- strike the church in Jerusalem. him as a rejoicing confessor, cated the nature of the signs, So severe was it that the church and we can have no doubt that which were in both realms, spir- was scattered abroad with the this earnest treasurer became itual and physical. It was a du- exception of the apostles, who a vocal and effective witness for plication of what had taken for some reason, of which we Jesus Christ in his own land. place at the hands of Jesus are not informed, were able to Thus in one chapter the Holy things more cheerful, so when

great joy in that city." Where church this was a wholesome gelism, the preaching to the and for them it was the high- ful and happy. "His leaf shall God visits in salvation there is dispersion, for the scattered crowds, and personal evangel-

Verses 9-13 describe the "con- silenced. The Adversary had ual. version" of Simon Magus, overstepped himself and had whose fame is rather in the simply sent the voice of the

sent unto them Peter and John." ed Samaria. Philip, who had our country great services. The black mallard duck. This duck playing musical tchairs. Naturand others regarded him. Dr. The apostles were still at Jeru- been appointed deacon, along inspiration he has given to black mallard duck. This duck playing musical tchairs. Naturand but the playing musical tchairs and others regarded him. Dr. The apostles were still at Jeru- been appointed deacon, along salem. The news of the Samari- with Stephen and five others, tan awakening called for inves- was about to earn the title by tigation. Remember John 4:9, which he was later known, the but also Acts 1:8. Jewish preju- evangelist (Acts 21:8). So effecdice must succumb before the tive was his preaching in the great commission. So must our Samaritan city that the whole

that they might receive the Holy ing in great numbers to be bap-

STILL TIME TO ENTER

to see their own highest privil-

men know that ye are my | Verse 16-(". . . baptized in disciples, if ye have love one the name of the Lord Jesus.") Where there had been a basic THE LESSON AS A WHOLE faith in the true God, the baptism was a token of their con-Those of us who have been fession of Jesus as Lord, and accustomed to speak in terms of so was in His name. The form-"down south" will have to ac- ula of Matthew 28:19 contemquaint ourselves with the term plates the Gentile world, where "down north" in this lesson, for conversion meant a turning to when we read that Philip went the true God from pagan dei-

Verse 17-"Then laid they Our King James Version says their hands on them, and they

where many believed on Him. Ethiopians, had come to Jeru- ready enough of the catholic This fact may have prepared salem for to worship." The spirit in them to recognize the the ground for the enthusiastic | Ethiopia here mentioned is not | work of God. in these Samarireception given the Gospel un- exactly the equivalent of Abys- tans, and it is beautiful to see sinia, but refers rather to Nu- how-they desired for those The other locality in which bia. Candace was not a personal whom they once had despised Philip ministered, according to name, but the dynastic title of the highest of spiritual privithe record of this chapter, was the queen, who actually per- leges, such as they themselves in the opposite direction from formed the secular functions of enjoyed, and gave themselves to Jerusalem. The Jerusalem-Gaza the monarchy in place of the prayer on behalf of their Samarroad was important at that time | King. The court treasurer was | itan brethren that they might as the way to Egpyt and Ethio- probably a "proselyte of the receive the Holy Spirit, a prayer pia. The Gaza of that day, how- gate." As a eunuch he would which God answered in full ever, was not so near the coast not be eligible for full proselyte measure.

version (Septuagint), since that one man. This man was a seewas the lingua franca of the ker after the true God, who,

saints were not silenced. is New Testament authority for was probably banned from the Verse 5-"Then Philip went seeing the Lord Jesus and His full status of a proselyte. Yet

.... the uttermost part of the of God that the Ethiopian treas-Verse 6 -"And the people earth." Till now the witness had urer was reading the most evanful ways of furthering-the Gos- knowledge of Jesus Christ, the and cementing family life thro-Verse 7-"For unclean spirits pel. On this occasion He per- Lamb of God. Before leaving ugh specific programs and ac-. . came out . . . and many mitted severe persecution to him, he had the joy of baptizing live through the days of pres- Spirit has indicated that God's you have stale bread, adopt the Verse 8- "And there was sure in Jerusalem. For the program includes mass evan thought, "That's for the birds."

saints were not discouraged nor ism, witnessing to the individ-Gospel broadcast.

Verse 14-". . . the apostles | Part of this dispersion reachpopulace gave earnest heed to Verse 15-"Who . . . prayed the Word, until they were flock-Ghost." Lovely to see Jews tized. The news of this reached

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the apostles in Jerusalem, and Verse 26-"And the angel of with their sense of responsi-

But there were other centers believing that the true God was he was willing to follow on,

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of the daffodils. The outdoor Pier, then by boat to the tower garden at St. Paul's was incred- of London on one of the water ibly beautiful with thousands buses. of the daffodils surrounding the lovely velvet green lawn. An Tower and seeing all of its his-

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thousands. It makes one won-

April 15, 1956, der where they all come from. Via Piccadilly, the heart of Lon-The fairles have been work- don, through Trafalgar Square ing overtime the last week, in still with its hundreds of pid-London Parks and Gardens, for geons and people feeding them they are all now a blaze of sun- as usual. Then a walk down shine with the Golden blossoms Villiers St. to Charing Cross

other herald of spring is the toric relics of the past and lookgreen buds appearing every- ing in vain for the Ghost of Ann where on the trees and hedges. Bolyne and then making sure The journey I took this week that the famous Ravens were will, I am sure, bring back mem- still doing their duty, we walkorles to many of the boys over ed along Carman Street by the here during the war. On Bus 13 | Monument and the Church of from Golders Green, by Child's St. Mary by Bow, where the Hill along the Finchley Road Bow Bells still ring to St. Pauls through Hampstead and Swiss to see the lovely Easter Garden Cottage, passing along London in the Cathedral which is at-Ghost Road which is very rap- tracting thousands of visitors idly being reclaimed and re- daily. It was beautiful beyond built. By the famous Lords Cric- words. Another journey for

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