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Editorials

Municipalities Face Expensive Financing.

Action taken some time ago by the Bank of Canada in raising interest rates as a means of putting the brakes on inflation is making it considerably more expensive for municipalities such as Stouffville and surrounding townships to borrow money. There is fear that some municipalities, not locally however, may be driven into bankruptcy. Some municipalities have even turned to the American money market where rates are lower. While this represents a saving now, it could be risky if the Canadian dollar weakened.

Debentures are becoming increasingly hard to sell. Whitechurch Township has been attempting to sell school debentures locally. Stouffville has not yet entered the debenture market and is currently borrowing money for the sewer expenditures from the banks at high interest rates. Many other municipalities are similarly affected where projects were begun before the tight money situation became so evident. Stouffville is paying 5 1/4% and this rate might no doubt be higher if Stouffville did not have such a good credit rating.

Maybe the Bank of Canada's policy which is causing "tighter" money will be justified in the long-term although certain chartered bank officials have warned against such a policy being carried too far as putting many lines of work out of business.

"It is significant of today's borrowing by governments that the province of Ontario is selling a debenture issue of \$50,000,000 with an interest rate of 4 1/2% and at a price to give the lender a return of 4.70 or 4.73 depending on the date of redemption he selects from two alternatives. The province of New Brunswick is selling bonds at a price to realize more than five per cent to the investor."

Probably the interest rates will go higher still before there is a down turn. When the provinces have to pay such high interest rates, it is easy to understand the financial predicament the municipalities are in to go ahead with necessary projects such as erecting schools and opening new developments to take care of increasing population.

Remedies For Colds Are Dime a Dozen

The sniffles are so much in evidence these days — probably every family has one or more members afflicted with them — that one cannot help but be reminded it would be a great day for Wheezing and sneezing humanity if a sure cure were found for the common cold.

To this day science has been unable to find such a cure. Or for the uncommon cold, for that matter. Science has smashed the sound barrier and placed chlorophyll in toothpaste. Yet no one can cure a miserable cold. This is progress?

Medicine cabinets are full of enough cold nostrums to keep a drugstore going for weeks. There are inhalers with all the magic snuffed out, half-empty bottles of evil-smelling greases and salves, old prescriptions labelled "one every four hours for 24 hours," plus a box containing 10 cough drops tightly fused together.

There are as many remedies for colds as there are people who have them — and all the cures have one thing in common. None of 'em work.

Some persons swear by the turpentine method. This consists of pouring a few drops of turpentine on a spoonful of sugar, holding the nose, then swallowing the mess. Heavy smokers are cautioned to wait at least five minutes before lighting up following this treatment.

Another group advocates soaking the feet in hot vinegar water. Some claim there's nothing like goose grease. And they're right. There is nothing like goose grease. These adherents combine a spoonful of goose grease with sugar and, with the aid of five strong men, force it down the victim's throat. Any goose grease left over is rubbed on the sufferer's chest. The theory is no germ can stand the smell.

One of the most popular treatments consists of going to bed armed with a thermos full of rum-laced hot lemonade. This probably produces happy results. And even if it doesn't cure a cold, this method has turpentine beat by a country (gesundheit) mile.

Your Dollars Spent at Home Help Build Stouffville.

For some weeks now Christmas advertising in this newspaper has been a reminder that the home town stores offer a large range of gifts at reasonable prices.

Local stores are attractively decorated to help you enjoy shopping there and they will be open every night next week to give customers more shopping time.

Christmas we all know is the season for giving but let's not give away our community through short-sighted shopping. Remember, the dollars we spend in our own community stay here to support it — to pay taxes, build schools, put in sewers and light streets and in dozens of ways make our home town a better place to live.

Let's keep our money at home this Christmas.

Mail Carriers Deserve Help During Christmas

Here are a few suggestions that will enable those who handle your mail to give you the service you expect.

1. Have your letters properly addressed and stamped. Don't write Mr. and Mrs. Smith R. R. 5.

There may be four or five Mrs. Smith's on R. R. 5, and your mail carrier is not a mind reader.

2. Place your cards in bundles according to districts and tie them securely.

On rural routes tie them together or place them in paper bags at the front corner of the mailbox, not at the very back.

3. Don't leave loose change in mailboxes. Have you ever tried picking change out of a mailbox on a cold frosty day? Try it and you will never be thoughtless again. Place money for stamps in an envelope. Your mail carrier will bring them out to you.

4. Clean snow away from the mailbox at all times.

Remember, a mail carrier is not required to leave his car to service any mailbox. Nor is he required to affix stamps on your letters.

If these rules are followed, a merrier Christmas will be had by all concerned.

LAFE OF THE WEEK



"Well, now let's eat the crackerjack!"

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

Tomorrow and Tomorrow

A FEW YEARS AGO a friend of mine travelled around the world. He visited a score of countries and made close-up study of many nationalities. "The thing which impressed me most," he said, "was how much the different peoples resembled each other; I saw the same types everywhere."

WE COULD GO A STEP FURTHER than that and say that people are much the same throughout the ages; that the people of yesterday resemble those of today.

NOT SO MANY YEARS AGO, Andrew Carnegie startled the world by his declaration that he would be ashamed to die a millionaire and he gave away money lavishly. He assisted hundreds of libraries and in other ways helped worthy causes.

IT COMES AS A SURPRISE when we learn that there was an Andrew Carnegie in ancient Athens. More than twenty centuries ago a wealthy Athenian realized, as Carnegie did, that wealth was a trust, that life is a stewardship, and he also gave away freely that which God had made it possible for him to give.

IN A BOOK written a few years ago by R. W. Livingstone called, "The Pageant of Greece," he makes it clear that the ancients were facing many of the problems that we face. They tried hard to reduce poverty and to curb human selfishness. Many of their methods are strangely like those of modern days. The philosopher Plato suggested that they would strive: "Each for all and all for each." It all has a very familiar ring even after more than twenty centuries.

THEN AGAIN, ANCIENT GREECE — as well as ancient Rome — had pessimists. There were thoughtful and sincere citizens who deplored the tendencies of their times. More than one thinker declared that young people were going to the dogs. And they were decent people who thought that way, for pessimism is frequently a sign of sincerity. They talked about the good old days and probably made younger people annoyed.

PERHAPS WE ALL LIVE TOO MUCH in the past. We live over again the happenings of our yesterdays until our friends think we are in our "anecdoteage." A man I once knew was bewailing modern events when he suddenly checked himself and said: "After all this is God's world and we can leave the future to Him." Richard Mansfield said: "I love children. They do not prattle about yesterday; their interests are of today and tomorrow."

ONE OF OUR DIFFICULTIES is that we know those who are passing on but we do not know those who are coming. There is a vast host of babies coming from the gates of birth and they are fresh and eager and promising. For every spiritual giant who finishes his course there is another just beginning and as Longfellow wrote:

"What the leaves are to the forest,
That to the World are children."

ONE WRITER points out that the year 1809 took a heavy toll of world leaders; so much so that many wondered who would take their places. Here is the answer. In 1809, the following babies were born: Alfred Tennyson, William E. Gladstone, Charles Darwin, Abraham Lincoln, Felix Mendelssohn and Richard Wagner. So those newcomers were at least the equal of those departing.

RECENTLY I CAME ACROSS A POEM by Lulu E. Thompson about the birth of Abraham Lincoln in a little log cabin on February 12, 1809; here is one stanza:

"Got any news to send along?
No, nothin' happens here near me,
Doggoned place you ever see;
Tom, Lincoln lives right over there,
In that log cabin, bleak and bare—
They say they have a little babe,
I understand they named him Abe.
Yes, Sally said just 't'other day
That nothin' happens down this way."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Samuel Johnson: "We live by hope — if there were no hope there would be no endeavour."

M. & M. Fund Reaches 3-4 Of \$5 Million Objective

With two months yet to go, The United Church's Missionary and Maintenance Fund today reached \$3,492,413 toward its \$5,000,000 (and more) goal. The church year ends January 31.

Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, Director of the Fund, said that the raising of the \$5,000,000 (and more) is "of primary importance" in view of the fact that last week The United Church sent \$30,000 to aid Hungarian refugees, and must be prepared to meet pressing relief needs in other parts of the world when emergencies arise.

Grants for Hungarian relief come out of the Church's Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid Committee, which is supported by the Missionary and Maintenance Fund. Dr. Ashford pointed out. He said that the on-going work of the church in Canada has been greatly stepped up because of Church Extension needs in new urban areas.

During the past 10 years The United Church of Canada has built a new Church or a church hall or a manse every four days. On his return from a coast-to-coast tour of Canada, Dr. Ashford pointed out that a new Church or hall or manse must be built every two days if the pressing need facing the church is to be met.

Nearly every town or city of 5,000 or over has a Church Extension problem as far as The United Church of Canada is concerned, Dr. Ashford said.

To speed up the program of building new Churches and manses the 17th General Council of The United Church of Canada ordered that \$500,000 be incorporated into the Missionary and Maintenance budget at once as a special fund for Church Extension, and that all moneys contributed over the \$3,000,000 budget be devoted exclusively to that problem.

"We'll raise \$5,000,000 by our year's end, January 31," Dr. Ashford predicted. "But unless we raise far more than that we shall not have faced up to the realistic need."

"Half a million dollars for Church Extension is not enough — we should have \$4,000,000. The need is there. The people are there. It takes money to build Churches, and our people have the money," he concluded.

From our EARLY FILES

December 9th, 1926

Stouffville got her share of the record cold snap over the weekend. Six below zero was recorded on local thermometers at 6 o'clock Monday morning. The storm on Sunday badly depleted the church attendance.

Eggs were firmer on the local market last Thursday, realizing 65c per dozen from all the buyers and stores. Chickens 25c a pound and hens 20c. There is no change in the price of butter, which brought 35c a pound.

The annual report of Dr. S. S. Ball, M.O.H., to the town council last Thursday evening showed there had been 28 deaths in Stouffville for the twelve preceding months, and only 14 births. Thus it will be noticed that unless some new families have moved to town during this period our population has slipped backward. The construction of a proper sewerage system was the main recommendation of the local Board of Health made to the council.

The Curling Club has been organized for the season with the following officers elected — Hon. Pres., Wm. Armstrong; Pres., Harry Brillinger; Vice-Pres., W. J. Mather; Sec.-Treas., H. W. Sanders.

Stouffville OHA Intermediates are grouped with Markham, Uxbridge, Lindsay, Port Perry and Whitby. It is hoped that Markham, Stouffville and Uxbridge can play a double schedule and then play off with the winners of the other three teams. It is reported that Unionville

village is being added to the Markham and Stouffville Hydro lines this week and that an extra transformer is being added to our system over at Yonge St. It is to be hoped that this will result in a better light being furnished on our streets than we are enjoying at present. The addition of Unionville to our rural system should ultimately help us to get further reduced rates.

On Thursday evening the Municipal fathers convened in the Council Chambers. Council discussed the advisability of putting in a proper fire alarm system to replace the town bell. A siren such as is used in Markham was favored, but beyond looking into the matter, it was not proposed to make any purchase this year.

Few places rejoiced like North York did on election night. Although the Conservative Candidate Wm. Keith was defeated by a big majority, there was great rejoicing in the Tory ranks because the Government had been returned by a good margin. At the same time the Liberals were over joyful because of their success in winning the riding back to the Liberal ranks in electing P. W. Pearson of Newmarket over Wm. Keith, also of Newmarket. Mr. Pearson's total majority was 1537. Mr. Pearson, Warden of the County of York, was tendered a banquet last Friday evening in the Crystal Ball room of the King Edward Hotel by his colleagues of the York County Council.

For Parents Only

Legends of Christmas

By Nancy Cleaver

"Why have we so many Christmas legends, Mummy? Teacher says there are dozens of them — and why is a legend different from a story?" Junior asked eagerly.

"The story of the First Christmas is beautifully but very briefly told in the New Testament. Saint Matthew writes of it in one chapter. Luke, whose gospel is supposed to be based on the account Mark received from Peter, has only one chapter, too, covering the Birth of Christ until He was grown. For many years this story was passed on by the common people by word of mouth. It is likely that often a story teller added a little part here or there which he may have imagined."

"Then are all our Christmas legends not true — just made up stories?"

"Does it matter? — actually quite a number of them are based on 'Infancy Gospels' which were not included in the Bible. Two of these old manuscripts were supposed to have been written by James and by Thomas and another one was the Arabic 'Infancy of the Saviour.'"

In the gospel story, there is no indication that the Infant Jesus had a bed of straw or that the ox and ass shared the stable with the Holy Family. The Wise Men are not called Kings, nor are they named as three in number — although they have been given the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar in folk lore. There is no complaint about an inhospitable Inn Keeper, just the simple statement, "She brought forth her firstborn Son and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room in the Inn."

Among the many quaint stories which were centred around the journey of the Wise Men is the one which tells of the bright star which guided them. It moved in the sky until it stopped above the entrance to the Nativity Cave. The Magi realized they had reached their destination. At that moment the star fell into a well in Bethlehem from which Joseph drew water for Mary. It is believed, until this day, if the pure in heart look down into that well, they can see the reflection of the Christmas star.

In part of Europe, boys and girls put out food for the birds and beasts on Christmas Eve because they believe the legend of the adoration of the ox and the ass when Jesus was placed in the manger. The ox is credited with tossing hay into the manger with his horns and keeping the infant warm with his breath. It is thought that the birds and the animals in the forests and fields still sing the song of praise of the Little Lord Jesus on His Birthday night and talk to each other in human speech.

But in the legends there are other birds and insects which have a part in the Christmas drama. One tells of the robin getting his red breast by fanning the embers of the shepherd's fire so it would not go out. Another relates how the nightingale learned to sing with the angels their song: "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to men!" The little beetle who lived in the Nativity Cave was supposed to have been turned into a firefly. When he wanted to go out, and tell his friends of Mary with her

infant in her arms, an angel took a sparkling jewel from her hair and gave it to him to light his way.

Even the humble spider figures in these folk tales of Christmas. It is said that he spun his web over the door of a shed where the Holy Family were hiding from the Roman soldiers. The rough centurion saw the web, concluded no one had entered recently and passed on. Mary touched the spider's back with gentle touch and a cross appeared on his back.

There are folk stories about the palm tree, the cherry and the holly bush helping the Holy Family in their flight to Egypt. The plants share the wonder of the Nativity too. According to legend, the herb — bedstraw, lay dry and withered in the stable. But when Mary rested on it, the bedstraw revived and gave out a faint perfume. Rosemary was said to be the bush on which the Baby Jesus' washing was spread to dry and it too was given a delicate scent.

One of the best known stories is that of the Christmas Rose. The little Christ Child had received the simple gifts of the shepherds, a home-made rattle, whistles and a calendar of wood. The Three Kings had given gold, representing the respect shown to a ruler, frankincense which is the offering made on an altar, and myrrh which symbolized incorruptibility. Hovering in the background was a little shepherdess, Madelon, who dearly longed to give a present too. But her hands were empty and she went outdoors and wept bitterly.

The Angel Gabriel saw her crying and tried to comfort her, asking, "What dost thou desire?"

"A gift for the Christ Child," Madelon answered.

"What gift dost thou wish?" asked the angel.

The little shepherdess answered, "Alas, the shepherds and the Kings have given Him everything! — No, not quite everything — for the Baby has no flowers at this time of year?"

Then Gabriel took his staff and touched the ground. Immediately up sprang a lovely plant with beautiful white blossoms, fair and pure — the first Christmas roses. Swiftly Madelon gathered the roses and carried her bouquet to give to the little King.

AGRICULTURAL EVENTS
The Ontario Plowmen's Association will get together to review the International Plowing Match held at Brooklyn in October and plan for future activities when their annual convention is held on February 25 and 26, F. A. Lashley, Secretary-Manager announced today. The convention will also formulate plans for next year's match which will be held near Simcoe October 15 to 18. The meeting will be held in Toronto.

Annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies at which the affairs of fall fairs will be discussed will be held in Toronto February 27 and 28.

Scene of the annual meeting of the Ontario Horticultural Association will shift to Hamilton this year with the two-day session scheduled to open on March 7.

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