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Editorials

Gratifying Action

The action of Stouffville Municipal Council in implementing a system of measured assessment in town was viewed by this newspaper as most gratifying. For years, the town has been plagued with a hit-and-miss system of "Eyeball assessment" which has made for a steady stream of discontent and unsatisfied court of revision claims. Very little of this fault can be pointed at the assessor, since with no guide to go on, except his own judgment, it is an impossible task. Given a view of any one property in town, we venture to say that with no figures to go on, six separate assessors would all come up with different answers.

While the new system will not lower taxes, it will lower the rate which is good from a publicity standpoint. Taxes on some properties will no doubt be lower and others higher, but there will be equalization, and a proper share of taxes will be forthcoming from those who should be paying them. Stouffville is one of the last remaining municipalities in the County of York to establish the measured system.

Highways Act Amendments

Highways Minister Allan has introduced in the Ontario Legislature a bill calling for some far-reaching amendments to the Highway Traffic Act. These are of interest to every citizen of Ontario, whether a motorist or not.

One of the most important changes is that which requires uninsured owners of motor vehicles to pay an extra \$5 on the insurance or transfer of a permit. This extra fee goes into the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund. This is perfectly proper, since that fund is used to pay damage judgments against those who are not insured and not in a position to pay.

Of further benefit to those who have to rely on the Unsatisfied Judgments Fund to collect damages, are the provisions doubling the amounts which can be paid out of the funds to settle claims. By present day standards, the former figures were quite unrealistic, and the new levels recognize the fact and aim to remedy it.

Another interesting provision should have the effect of safeguarding the public interest. It requires a used car dealer to give a separate certificate of mechanical fitness for vehicles sold off a used car lot. Substantial fines are provided for cases of noncompliance.

This is definitely a greater measure of protection for the public than previously existed. No longer can it be said that the buyer of a used car is "buying a pig in a poke," because the certificate will let the buyer know exactly what he is buying.

These amendments all cover points which needed to be covered, and should meet with general approval from the motoring public.

Few Boarding Biddies

Canadian hens last year laid over 400,000,000 dozens of eggs, up more than 50,000,000 in three years. The increase is not accounted for entirely by the larger number of laying hens. The number of eggs produced by each hen has increased. In 20 years the increase has been roughly from 100 to 165 eggs by each hen. This success in mass production is attributed to improvements in methods of breeding and nutrition, the use of medicines that control diseases affecting production and better farm management.

Fortunate is the hen that can manage to survive the winter these days without laying many an egg. It's a case of produce or else!

From our EARLY FILES

March 5, 1957

With this issue, the Tribune enters on its 36th year of publication. During its life there have been six publishers.

Lou Morden of the east-end, will soon have the Toronto Sales Stables beaten for turning over horse flesh. Although it is only a sideline for Lou, he had no less than 68 animals in his barn since the first of January.

The 40th anniversary of the founding of the Mennonite faith was celebrated in many of the Mennonite churches of Canada on Sunday, Feb. 1st. Four hundred years ago the Mennonite faith was founded in Switzerland. Through persecution, the followers fled across seas to Pennsylvania, and then, hoping for even greater freedom to worship God under the British flag, a large number of them came to Canada.

On Monday morning the school board held a brief session for the purpose of opening and awarding tender for a carload of Pocahontas Virginia coal as per the specifications in the advertising. The tender of the Milne Coal Co. of Toronto, was accepted at \$8.65 per ton f.o.b. Stouffville.

J. Morrison held an auction sale of stock and implements at his farm just north of Glasgow last week, for which the terms were "spot" cash. Notwithstanding this, the proceeds amounted to \$1844, the absence of any terms not appearing to affect the sale whatever. With the ease with which so much

cash can be raised among the farmers, it would indicate that they are coming into their own again.

The earthquake which was registered over parts of Ontario and Quebec about 9.20 on Saturday evening last was felt quite distinctly by many people in Stouffville and the surrounding country. From different homes come reports of members of the family seeing the lamp sway, pictures move on the walls or a slight quiver of the dishes in the cupboard. One of the freaks of such an occurrence is that while one house or block may tremble, another alongside will probably not move at all.

SPEEDY RESULTS

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LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Do you wear the belt over or under the pot?"

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

Spiritual Pilgrimages

THERE HAS BEEN a steady stream of books coming from the press in which thoughtful men tell of the path along which they have travelled. We are thinking just now of those who have recorded some decided change in their religious views, causing them to leave the particular religious troupe in which they were brought up for another camp where they found themselves to be more at home. Unfortunately such conversions have been capitalized by over zealous sectarians; some have even carried in their church publications a column entitled "Converts to Our Church."

THERE IS NO REASON why people should not change from one church to another. And when one thinks of all that a complete severance from early associations means, we can but admire the courage of those who follow their convictions even at great cost. We have all known people who were not happy in their religious environment and who looked wistfully to another group where they would have been happier. But there were considerations that made them pause and so, reluctantly, they stayed on, all the while knowing they were not in their spiritual home.

SOME PILGRIMAGES are well known. Martin Luther, for instance, left his church, to which he had been intensely, even passionately, devoted, because he felt that the old forms were quite inadequate for his growing spiritual experience. Wesley was another churchman to the core, whose soul rebelled against the ecclesiastical environment in which he found himself. But all pilgrimages have not been from ritualism to simplicity. John Henry Newman was only one of many who journeyed from Protestantism to the Church of Rome and in more recent times the Reverend W. E. Orchard is the best-known instance of a keen mind and devout soul who found peace where others had lost it. We are here not seeking to pass judgment or trying to appraise the motives of any of these pilgrims. We know that they made the journey because otherwise they could not have been true to themselves. There are thought forms which cramp and imprison the soul, creedal statements which instead of helping, actually hinder spiritual development. If the soul is to grow, it must shake itself free from whatever fetters it can. We cannot, however, refrain from quoting a very penetrating passage by Professor Caldwell Moore regarding Cardinal Newman. He writes: "Newman supposed he believed in religion on the basis of authority. But the truth is he believed in religion on the basis of his own religion, as he says in a magnificent passage in one of his own sermons, because religion had him."

I HAVE KNOWN scores of people who decided that the church in which they had been brought up did not minister to their needs and I have seldom, if ever, shown intolerance. I have prayed with them and wished them well. As we get older, I think we become more tolerant and charitable. I like these lines by Douglas Malloch:

As I grow old it seems that I grow old as grows the westward sky
When day is coming to its close;
For life takes on a tint of rose.
I had not known in life's hot noon
Now in the night that comes so soon
I see new stars I had not seen,
A surer faith, a peace serene,
As I grow old.

As I grow old the winds of life
Die down, the hate, the lust, the strife.
The waters calm, the waves are still,
I want no triumph, wish no ill
To any man. Now from my heart
The ancient angers all depart.
New friends I know, new songs are sung,
New joys are mine — yes, I grow young
As I grow old!

OUR QUOTATION TODAY by Goethe: "I love toleration for I see no faults I have not committed myself."

Book Talk — by Betty Bangay

THE STORY OF L. M. MONTGOMERY

By Hilda M. Ridley

Breathes there a girl in Canada who hasn't read the "Anne" books and she's missed a part of her Canadian heritage. Having read all her books, not once or twice, but many times, this short autobiography of a beloved author was devoured word for word.

One of L. M. Montgomery's favorite remarks was that "pine trees are as real as pigsties and a darned sight pleasanter." In these days when so many books are of the "pigsty" variety hers remain like a breath of fresh spring air. Certainly the reading you do in childhood and for that matter throughout life mold your own trend of thinking and for young girls nothing could contribute towards a wholesome outlook on life than the writings of L. M. Montgomery.

This autobiography by Hilda M. Ridley, relates how as a lonely and imaginative child brought up by grandparents, she first began to write stories and poems. She was just sixteen years old when her first poem was published and in the years that followed, during which she worked as a schoolteacher and on a newspaper, she continued to write and publish many more.

When her grandmother was left widowed and alone, she gave

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Budgie Birds

by Nancy Cleaver

"A budgie may make a fine family pet—but before we buy one we would like to know more about these little birds!" Mrs. Clark told her neighbour.

"That shouldn't be difficult! Just set your youngsters to work to discover all they can about budgies!" the neighbour answered. Here are some of the facts about budgies the Clarks collected.

"Budgie" or Budgerigar is derived from "betcherrygar" which in the native Australian dialect means "pretty bird." Budgies belong to the parrot family. They are also called shell parakeets or grass parakeets. In their wild state, they like to live in companies. Wild budgies warble notes in a sort of song, quite different from the coarse, loud screech of the parrot tribe. They are much smaller than the grey parrots of South America or the green parrots of Africa.

Budgies are found in South America, Africa, India, Ceylon, and China and Australia. Australia is the chief source of budgies. They live in the salt-bush flats of Australia and subsist on grass seeds, often flying long distances in search of food.

Exporters of budgies in Australia obtain their supply of birds by trapping full grown birds. The adult budgies are caught in whole companies when migrating to new feeding grounds of grass seeds.

The wild Australian budgie is light green with a yellowish tinge; with black shell-like markings on the wings. Blue Budgies are the product of cross breeding. They come from green budgies with the yellow pigment missing. The blue budgies created quite a sensation in the bird fanciers' world in 1910 when they first appeared in France.

The sex of a grown budgie is easily told by the color of the small fleshy part, called the wattle, over the beak in which the nostrils are situated. In the cock birds this is a bluish green; in the hens it ranges from light brown to a dark brown.

The wild budgie hen lays three or four eggs in a tree hollow. Her birds, during the breeding season may be quarrelsome, otherwise budgies are

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Friday, March 1, 1957

Mr. Editor:

The recent Ratepayers meeting was standing room only. It's too bad it takes controversy to bring the community together or more correctly, to a gathering. What happened at the meeting must have set a precedent for Ballantrae. Musselman's Lake relations. Believe it or not, the people of Ballantrae and the Lake were pulling together—in opposite directions. Explain! — will do. The people of Ballantrae seem to feel that they should no longer be responsible for providing education for the Lake children, and turned the building program down, but they were not alone. The people from the Lake felt they have supported Ballantrae long enough so they too turned it down.

The account given in the Tribune last Thursday was correct in one detail. Mr. Jack Wylie acted as chairman of the meeting; the rest of the report was more than a little confusing. Mr. Horace Crowhurst acted as secretary and there were six speakers in all. The Trustees were first and Mr. V. Davies and Mr. Kim Rogers were in favour of the new building. Mr. Davies explained the reasons and the need, and Mr. Rogers supported his arguments with facts and figures. Mr. Tom Phillips, the third trustee, stated that he could not honestly support the programme and advocated use of basement rooms.

Mr. Cliff Wallwork was speaker No. 4. He managed to confuse the issue beautifully and we're not sure just what to conclude from his statements and figures. He seemed to be comparing Musselman's Lake with Lake Wilcox which might seem fine on the surface but actually the word "Lake" in their names is the only thing they seem to have in common. Wilcox has 450 pupils attending a twelve-room school. Their assessment is quite low for the population. The school population of Musselman's Lake—being very generous—would be no more than 100, probably not that.

Mrs. Horton was the next speaker. She spoke of the need of the school here at the lake because of absenteeism among lake pupils. She felt that more children would attend more regularly if a school were closer. Mrs. Horton explained that there might be the possibility of part of Bloomington School section being included in a new lake section. She said Bloomington had been approached and that they were going to have a ratepayers meeting to discuss the issue. Mrs. Horton, the only woman speaker on the program, said what she wanted to say and took the least time of all to do it. The men might say "that's one for the books," but the women know better.

The last speaker of the evening was Mr. McLeod, School Inspector. He just stated facts and one was that the department favours larger schools. He gave a very clear picture of how grants are computed. The general feeling of the meeting, however, was such that if the ballot had been taken at the first of the evening, the results would have been the same—no new building for Ballantrae.

The chairman asked the meeting how they felt about portables and it was felt that portables would be considered rather than basement rooms. The possibility of a school at the lakes seems pretty strong at this point. The Inspector explained that it could be done in two ways. (1) Split the section and (2) have two schools in one section. The two in one would be the simpler solution, (if there is one) and would probably take much less time to execute. The decision, of course, is still with the ratepayers and we haven't heard of any new meetings being arranged.

Mrs. J. Wylie

Health News

DOES JOHNNY NEED COD LIVER OIL?

Vitamin "D", the important substance in old-fashioned cod liver oil, is a chemical substance needed by the body to make use of the calcium and phosphorus in food. It is also available in many other newer preparations, in liquid form, in drops, in capsules and in many fortified food products.

It is needed in order to form strong straight bones, good teeth and well developed bodies, and to prevent the disease known as "rickets." The "D" vitamin is extracted from fish livers or may be made chemically.

Small quantities of vitamin "D" may be derived from exposure to ultra-violet rays in sunlight, and from certain foods such as salmon, sardines, and irradiated evaporated milk. However, an average diet does not guarantee enough "D" to meet average needs.

Sunlight is not a dependable source of vitamin "D" as smoke and dust prevent sufficient ultra-violet rays from reaching the skin particularly in winter months.

Children need vitamin "D" every day. It is sometimes better to give it all year since stopping during the summer breaks the habit, making another start necessary in the fall. How Much Vitamin "D" Daily? Amount needed depends on age and weight. Size of dose varies with different brands.

Ask your doctor to help you choose a suitable preparation. —York County Health Unit

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