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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

This Friday Night Is Important!

This Friday night is one of the most important nights in the year for the ratepayers of Stouffville. It's annual nomination night when citizens have an opportunity to nominate those members of the community whom they wish to place in offices of importance for 1958. It is said that "Democracy is wonderful, but it is only wonderful so long as it keeps on finding fault with itself." If you have faults to find or suggestions to make for your local government, Friday night's meeting in the Legion Hall is the place to be heard.

Last year's nomination night turnout was fair — fair that is in comparison with recent years — but it was far from good enough. Stouffville has a population of nearly 2600 persons, close to fifteen hundred of them potential attenders. We are too easily satisfied, one hundred or a hundred and fifty persons out to nominations from this number is not good enough.

Surely more people than this are interested in an opportunity of hear-

ing current issues discussed or to listen to the 1957 representatives give an account of their stewardship. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that only this few people care a hang about how their tax money is spent. Your council will spend next year some \$150,000 which is a lot of money even when you say it fast.

There are always questions on which differences of opinion are bound to arise and a frank expression of opinion by ratepayers is a guide to those who face the responsibility of office in the coming year. The place for these opinions to be aired is at the nomination meeting. Street-corner grumbling is no effective substitute for sincere views expressed in an open meeting.

If you don't like something, this is your opportunity to do something about it. If you don't attend and mistakes are made, your criticism will be a little belated. You should attend; and on Dec. 2nd, you should vote.

Old Hotels Are Gone

Motorists using Ontario highways find that the number of motels is multiplying. Official figures indicate that one new motel is completed every 10 days in this province. New buildings are more elaborate, with such extras as broadloom from wall to wall and television sets for entertainment.

Most people think of these roadside hostels as something new. The name is a recent invention but the history of a century ago is repeating itself.

It was in the early 1850's that the first railway line ran through this part of Ontario. There was a station at Guelph, but for nearly 20 years the railway tracks did not extend into the north country.

Farm produce was brought by wagons from all that territory which had been opened up in the Queen's Bush. In the fall and winter long lines of wagons and sleighs came down the roads through Fergus and Elora to Guelph, with loads of wheat, oats and dressed meat.

Point for Parents

Parents who are too prone to find fault with the teacher and side with Johnny or Jane whenever they are punished at school probably do not realize that by doing so they are gradually losing mastery in their home.

The danger of this occurring was pointed out by Mrs. H. J. McLarnon, president of the Ontario Parent-Teachers Association, when she said that parents who undermine the authority of teachers by siding with

their children, also undermine their own authority.

It can be safely assumed in the vast majority of cases that when a child is disciplined at school he or she deserves it.

We have known instances where the parental policy was to give Junior another trimming at home whenever he was punished at school. This was probably going to the other extreme. But it did make it easier for the teacher to exact obedience and command respect.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Willing Worker

by Nancy Cleaver

How often a small child watches mother or dad busy at some task! His eagerness to be of use is a precious thing. If a child's offer of assistance is refused or postponed to some other day, he will be less likely to want to help another time. Children don't like to be rebuffed any more than adults. It does take time and patience to include a little boy or girl in performing some job. Dad can bring in the wood and light the stove faster all by himself than if he waits for Junior to collect his pile of sticks. Mother can fix muffins much more quickly if she does not stop to delegate the beating of the egg or the greasing of the tins to Mary. But how much Junior and Mary will miss not only in training to be contributing members of the work of the home, but in the sense of comradeship and in the pride of achievement which a father and son or mother and daughter completed job brings with it!

When a child wants to help, if at all possible, put the youngster to work then and there. See that daughter is properly clothed for the job—an apron for baking. Make sure that your child has the right work tools—such as a mixing bowl and beater—to beat an egg. Then work alongside the child at your part of the job. If you must give more instructions or criticize the way the child is working, do it in a constructive, kindly way. If a task is a little too difficult for a child, or he is taking too long at it, help him finish it. Don't take over the job and do it yourself!

The next time the child is helping, delegate more responsibility and cut down on directions. If the child is old enough and keen about that particular task, work toward the time when the son or daughter can complete the task all by himself. Use encouragement and show a child how to avoid making the same mistake twice. Be generous in your praise of a job well done.

Sometimes in a home where there are older boys and girls at school the youngsters have become more and more preoccupied with their school work, their friends and their own interests and activities. They rarely ask, "Can I help?"

Often mother, in a mistaken idea that she is being "good to the children" asks little or nothing from them in assistance in the work of the home. She may not realize it, but a house where mother does the children's beds, tidies up and picks up after them, is an excellent training ground for her son or daughter to become a selfish husband or a helpless wife in a few years time.

In the fair division of the work of the home, father, because he is away so much and can look on things with a more impartial view, should give some direction. Everyone, even a small child, should have some work to do. A family council when father reviews all the work mother does each week is a good idea. In some homes each child is allowed to choose at the end of the week some job he likes to do which he will

FROM OUR EARLY FILES

Nov. 10th, 1925

The cabbage market is giving promise of being better. Present prices from \$10 to \$11 per ton. Turnips are not coming in so fast, although the price is from 20c to 23c per bushel.

Fred Ramer, of Markham Township shot two nice coons one evening last week on the third concession. They are said to have had excellent pelts but what a rare thing these days in this thickly populated township! Frank Cooper of Claremont held a cattle sale on his farm near Balsam last Saturday at which 127 head were sold in short order. While cows did not reach high prices, young cattle went beyond their value in the opinion of some spectators. Total sale amounted to \$4,500.

Despite the fact that last Friday was one of the rainiest days this fall (of which we have had some dandies) with roads knee deep in mud, the auction sale of wood lots belonging to L. Honsberger at lot 19, on the 7th line of Whitchurch was a big success. The attendance was good, and lots sold at prices ranging from \$10 to \$46, the total sale

amounting to over \$1200. Those who acted on the advice of our coal dealer and placed this winter's supply in the bin last summer, now see the wisdom of that advice.

There has been a real scarcity of coal in Stouffville, and the few who had none in, have had to rely solely upon coke, a very good substitute, but even this is not easy to procure. It is estimated that at least three-quarters of our people placed at least part of the winter supply in early in the summer, and there have been no cases of real want.

On Monday morning Mr. W. B. Sanders and Councillor H. W. Sanders arrived home from their extended tour in England. They landed in New York from Southampton after a six days' ocean voyage on the Berengaria,

the second largest vessel afloat. This big ocean palace is 919 feet long and belongs to the Cunard Line.

DOMINION STORES' ANNUAL REPORT WINS FINANCIAL POST AWARD The Financial Post has announced that the 1956-57 annual report of Dominion Stores Ltd. has been judged best in Canada in the field of "retailing and distribution." Judges were representatives of the Investment Dealers Association of Canada, Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, and Association of Canadian Advertisers.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Harry, I'd like to have you meet a young man who is really going places with our company..."



The Jewels of God

A few years ago a well-organized movement in Britain was begun, to recognize the heroism of civilians by the bestowal of medals for courage. One of the first was the fireman's medal, frequently called the "Fireman's V.C." Others followed for lifeboatmen, miners and other callings where unusual acts of bravery were exemplified. The idea, which soon became popular, was based on the knowledge that peace hath her victories no less than war.

Medals have been awarded to humble and obscure civilians for deeds of quiet, unobtrusive heroism which, in former generations, would have passed unnoticed. This stanza from a well-known hymn expressed the idea:

The trivial round, the common task,
Will furnish all we need to ask;
Room to deny-ourselves, a road
To bring us daily nearer God.

There are thousands of names in history of whom we know practically nothing but wish we knew more; names of those who fit across the pages and disappear forever. This is particularly true of Bible history which records the names of hundreds of important nobodies. They resemble the people about whom Edgar Guest wrote:

They live in modest houses
and they work from day to day,
And the papers never notice
what they do or what they say.

The great mass of human beings never make the headlines of newspapers. Their honesty and decency is taken for granted and so is their courage and dependability. They go about their tasks often carrying heavy burdens and responsibilities about which nobody knows. They are the salt of the earth although they themselves would be surprised to know it.

I knew, fairly well, the late Dr. Charles Gordon (Ralph Connor) whose hair-raising stories of the Canadian West thrilled so many thirty or forty years ago. He told me that he knew of settlers in the West who had adventures equal to his own; lives full of colorful adventure and daring courage; but they had never recorded them.

The lives of millions seem dull, prosaic and drab, but to a higher intelligence they may be rich in purpose and achievement. This is what Merton S. Rice called: "The Distinction of the undistinguished", the vast host of ordinary, humble people whose names would never be found anywhere except in a telephone directory and perhaps not there.

Christopher Wren, designer of St. Paul's Cathedral, refused to accept the honor, "Builder of St. Paul's." He insisted that every workman on the job had an important part in its erection; every mason, carpenter, hod-carrier and other obscure workmen.

It was a noble tribute of a humble man but basically true. These men were like the foundation stones of the building itself; unseen but necessary.

The British scientist, Sir Leonard Hill, said repeatedly that hundreds of obscure men had made possible the advance of medical science by their willingness to be inoculated with poisonous germs so that experiments might be made and knowledge increased. In many cases they had died horrible deaths; their only motive being that the cause of devastating diseases might be discovered and overcome.

A great philosopher once said that it would be impossible to exaggerate the insignificance of any human being. No statement could be further removed from Christian teaching. The core of Christ's teaching was that in the sight of God, all souls are precious. The cynical, scornful view of human nature is neither Biblical nor true to fact. Even in the Old Testament that truth was understood: "And they shall be mine," saith the Lord, "in that day when I make up my jewels."

Our quotation today is by a man who visited Philipps Brooks: "He put the stars back in my sky."

IN OUR MAIL BOX

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 16, 1957

Editor, The Tribune,

Dear Sir:

I liked those quoted lines on "The Joy of Being an Editor," and that final note reminded me of the philosopher's view that: "Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it."

Along this latter front, I'd like to invite some of your rural readers to listen in on U.S. Secretary of Agriculture defining some of the aims of American agriculture:

"We seek an agriculture that is prosperous, expanding and free. We seek to maintain a family-type agriculture operated by free and self-reliant men and women. We seek an agriculture in which technical advance is encouraged, and continued adjustment made to it — so that farmers have continuing incentives to high efficiency. We seek an agriculture that provides for farm families an opportunity to share fairly in our nationally rising levels of living. We seek to maintain our soil, water, forest and range resources for the benefit of both this generation and those to come. We seek to achieve these goals through the effective operation of the private economy—not through regimentation and the control of farm families by the government."

This picture, in turn, vividly reminded me of the sage warning of Lord Plunkett (famed Irish co-operative leader) on this same theme: "What the best of governments can do for the farmer is insignificant, compared with what, by careful operation of his own farm organization, he can do for himself." —"ORDERLY MARKETING"

Parliament Hill

By C. A. Cathers
M.P. for North York

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, which is often cold and over-cast in Ottawa with a hint of snow in the air, was this year sunny and with a temperature in the low 40's.

While Government offices were in many cases closed Parliament met at the usual hour of 2:30 that afternoon.

But before that, to pay tribute to Canada's war dead in two world conflicts the Governor General and the Prime Minister took part in ceremonies first in front of the National War Memorial and later that morning in the Memorial Chamber.

The ceremony at the Cenotaph marked the first for Mr. Diefenbaker as the head of Canada's Government and as its Prime Minister. Mr. Diefenbaker is also the first Canadian Prime Minister to have served in Canada's Armed Forces. The Prime Minister fought in World War I, and was invalided home after fighting alongside comrades from Western Canada in the trenches in France.

Later that morning Mr. Diefenbaker, together with the Governor General and the Speakers of both Houses of Parliament went to the Memorial Chamber in the House of Commons to take part in the ceremony to dedicate the Book of Remembrance to Canada's World War 2 dead.

The new book, which has been prepared and beautifully illustrated by a team of Canadian artists, contains the names of 44,891 men and women who died in World War 2.

It seemed fitting that later that day Douglas Jung, the first Canadian of Chinese extraction to be elected to the House of Commons, should rise to make his maiden speech.

Mr. Jung, a young lawyer and a World War 2 Veteran from Vancouver, was elected to the House of Commons June 10 and defeated in doing so the former Minister of Defence, the Hon. Ralph Campney.

The member for Vancouver Centre is a tall, handsome man who speaks impeccable English and who has already indicated that he will strive to have Canada play a stronger role in bringing together members of the Afro-Asian group of Nations which Mr. Jung pointed out in his speech consists of 22 countries which are in great need of economic and social development.

Since Parliament opened on Monday, October 14, with Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth becoming the first reigning monarch to read the Speech from the Throne, there has been a tremendous interest on the part of the ordinary men and women who live in Ottawa or who are visiting it, in the day-to-day proceedings.

Veteran House of Commons observers have commented on the manner in which the galleries have been kept filled.

Members of the protective staff, who in their blue uniforms police the galleries and keep order, have been kept busy finding seats and overseeing the behaviour of the visitors.

Several of the more enthusiastic have been warned against applauding speeches by Members on the floor of the House of Commons.

Since the opening of Parlia-

ment it has become obvious that this first session of Canada's 23rd Parliament will be one of the most active on record.

The question period, held at the opening of business each day, has become one of the most lively in memory.

Cabinet Ministers, in addition to preparing a heavy load of legislation to be placed before Parliament, are being kept busy answering questions from both the opposition and members of their own party.

Strangely enough, despite many criticisms of the new Government and its legislation, members of the official Opposition have with a few exceptions voted almost unanimously in favour of the bills presented by Mr. Diefenbaker and his Ministers.

In one typical instance, after considerable criticism of the Government bill to provide cash advances on farm stored grain, only six Opposition members voted against it.

Ordinarily the Speech from the Throne is debated immediately after the opening of Parliament, but this session at the request of the Government the members of the House gave unanimous consent to allow the introduction of urgent legislation.



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VILLAGE OF STOUFFVILLE NOMINATION

The Nomination of Candidates for Offices of REEVE, DEPUTY-REEVE and 3 COUNCILLORS

To compose the Council of the Corporation of the Village of Stouffville for the year A.D. 1958, also

3 PUBLIC SCHOOL TRUSTEES, 1 CEMETERY COMMISSIONER & 1 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSIONER

will be held in the

VETERANS' MEMORIAL HALL

Stouffville

Friday, November 22, 1957

from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m., E.S.T.

If more candidates are nominated for the respective offices hereinbefore mentioned than are required to fill the same, THE ELECTION will be held on

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1957

from the hour of 10 a.m. till 8 p.m. and no longer in each of the Four Polling Subdivisions, that is to say:

Polling Division No. 1 — In Council Chambers COMPRISING all that part of the Municipality of the Village of Stouffville on the South side of Main Street lying east of the West side of the West side of Victoria Street to the West of the East side of Park Drive.

Lloyd Turner, Deputy Returning Officer.

Frederick Yeamans, Poll Clerk.

Polling Division No. 2 — K. Ross Davis' Store

COMPRISING all that part of the Municipality of Stouffville on the North side of Main Street lying east of the west side of William Street to the west of the east side of Park Drive, north.

K. Ross Davis, Deputy Returning Officer.

Mary Davis, Poll Clerk.

Polling Division No. 3 — Masonic Lodge

COMPRISING all that part of the Municipality of Stouffville on the north side of Main Street lying west of the west side of William Street to the West Corporation limit and on the south side of Main Street lying west of the east side of the East side of Park Drive.

Lloyd Turner, Deputy Returning Officer.

A. G. Thompson, Deputy Returning Officer.

Jack Garrett, Poll Clerk.

Polling Division No. 4 — Public School Building

COMPRISING all that part of the Municipality of Stouffville on the north side of Main Street lying east of the west side of Park Drive, to the East Corporation limit and on the south side of Main Street lying east of the west side of the Park Drive, east to the East Corporation limits.

Norman Baker, Deputy Returning Officer.

Evelyn Lehman, Poll Clerk.

Stouffville, November 9, 1957.

Ralph E. Corner, Returning Officer.