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## OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Merchants Should Be Commended

Stouffville merchants should be commended for the wonderful Santa Claus Parade which was held here Saturday and which drew several thousand extra shoppers into Stouffville. It was one of the best parades since the annual event was started some years ago and drew one of the largest crowds.

The organizing of this pre-Christmas event means considerable work as well as expense and does much to boost Christmas trade and keep up the good name of the town as a shopping centre. Much of this work falls on a few individuals who are unselfish with their time and

have the interest of general town business at heart. Likewise much of the money comes from a few businesses. A parade such as we had Saturday, and the results, should stir those who in the past have taken little or no part and have contributed little, to throw their full share into boosting the event next year. If a few can do so much, how much more could be done by many.

Visitors were in town from many miles around on Saturday and favorable comment was widespread. Some two thousand kiddies were treated by Santa Claus and business folks found their stores crowded for most of the day.

### Watch Your Christmas Tree

Christmas trees, a symbol of gaiety and happiness, too often become a mass of flames and a symbol of disaster, according to the All Canada Insurance Federation.

Trees, decorations, and special Christmas costumes should all be chosen with special care and protected from fire. The Federation, which represents more than 200 Canadian fire, automobile and casualty insurance companies, makes these recommendations for safety in the home during the Christmas season:

- (1) Choose a small Christmas tree; it will be less hazardous than a larger one.
- (2) Keep the base of the tree in a container of water; the water will be absorbed and keep the tree moist.

- (3) Keep trees away from stoves, heaters and fireplaces.
- (4) Use good quality electric lights on the tree, not candles.
- (5) Check your lights for any defects which might cause short circuits.
- (6) Be sure that Christmas lights do not overload the electrical circuits in your home.
- (7) Keep papers, gifts and other inflammable articles away from the base of the tree until Christmas eve.
- (8) Do not use paper, gauze-like materials or other highly inflammable cloths for children's costumes.
- (9) Check carefully for burning cigarette butts after every party or gathering in your home.

### "More! More!"

The Townships of Markham, Whitechurch, Vaughan, Uxbridge and Pickering propose to emulate Oliver Twist. They receive from the Province half the cost of maintaining their roads. They want more. Gravel trucks and other heavy motor vehicles; they complain, are tearing their roads to pieces. The townships want the Provincial Government to give them a special road maintenance subsidy.

There is no doubt that the building boom in Metropolitan Toronto, with its demand for gravel from adjacent municipalities, has laid a heavy burden on these municipalities. Nor is there any doubt that if the Province acceded to their demands, every other township in Ontario would at once assail Mr. Frost with like demands.

The Province could agree to pay a higher subsidy to rural townships and recoup the expenditures by

charging higher license fees for trucks. It has been estimated that less than 5 per cent of the Department of Highways' revenue is obtained from truck permit and license fees. A gravel truck with a gross weight between fifteen and sixteen tons now pays \$195 a year. Fleets of such vehicles operating eight or ten hours a day over secondary roads could soon destroy those roads.

It is not surprising, then, that the townships are crying "More! More!" Their councils are reluctant to recover the cost of road maintenance by levying upon the gravel pit operators, for any such action would involve expensive litigation. They are not empowered to charge tolls on their roads, so they turn to the Province.

The Province, if it accedes to their demands, has the power to make the truckers pay for the roads they destroy. —The Globe and Mail.

### Sick Children's Hospital Campaign

Mounting costs, increasing specialization and improved methods of care have resulted in a substantially increased operating loss for the Hospital for Sick Children.

This year, an estimated deficit of 6.1 per cent—\$308,093—is expected. R. A. Laidlaw, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees said in announcing the annual Christmas appeal of the Hospital for Sick Children.

By year-end, the hospital will have cared for an estimated 22,900 bed patients and provided 114,000 treatments to out-patients and emergency cases — probably the largest number of children cared for by any institution in North America in one year, Mr. Laidlaw said.

As in other years, the hospital's revenue from all sources — patients, investments, estates and grants — falls short of offsetting the increasing cost of care and treatment. In addition, greater pressure has been put on hospital facilities during 1957.

than ever before. Every 4 minutes a child enters the hospital, either as a bed patient, out-patient or emergency patient. Mr. Laidlaw said in reporting on the hospital's increased services. He added that 13,061 operations, 3,810 blood transfusions, 88,761 x-rays and 148,000 laboratory tests were carried out last year.

Among the outstanding advances made in many fields at the hospital is work being conducted on crossed or squinting eyes. Treatment commences, where possible, when the child is very young and although the operation is a delicate one, it rarely upsets the child.

The constantly mounting cost and scope of such specialized services together with the increasing number of children cared for, accounts for the operating deficit, Mr. Laidlaw said.

Address of the Hospital for Sick Children is 555 University Avenue, Toronto.

### Save Our Christmas

December 25 provides us with a storehouse of happy memories. It reminds us of our first toys, and our first loves. There may have been sad Christmases, but in the main, they were happy, exciting and full of love and the fellowship of man.

Hands off Christmas, Remembrance Day and the other days we celebrate in conjunction with the story of our people. Streamlining the year to benefit industry and holiday-makers will make us a nation devoid of history, tradition and sentiment. —Sault Ste. Marie Star.

### TODAY'S PROBLEM: SELF DISCIPLINE

By John and Jane Strickland  
Harris Milton, 1810 West Livingston Street, Allentown, Pa., was the fifth child in his family and eight years younger than his next older brother. Being the baby of the family, he thought himself abused when his older brothers and sisters "bossed him around," and when he was not allowed the privileges of the older ones.

His father was the type of father who buried himself in his career and gave little time to any of his children. Only his mother could be counted upon to stand by, and truly she gave him double measure. He learned early to "tell it to mama" which habit he carried through his school and college years and even into his married life. He didn't make friends readily nor did he keep long those he did make. He leaned too much on his mother to develop self-confidence, and her attitude of protection robbed him of any chance for self-discipline.

After marriage his lack of self-discipline continued as a bugbear, and it was not long before his wife realized that his mother came first and that she followed second, way down the line. Finally after several months of anything but a happy married life, with her husband running to his mother to solve their problems, she told him if he felt more married to his mother than to her that he should go back to his mother's home. In a huff, he did just that. His wife got a job to support herself, and was all set to give up the home they had established together when she was to become a mother. By this time her mother-in-law had found that she was no longer making her son happy in his old home and when she

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Sleep well last night, Benson?"

### FOR PARENTS ONLY

#### The Original St. Nicholas

by Nancy Cleaver

"Junior finds it very confusing to discover a big man dressed up in a red suit with a white beard in several stores, each one claiming to be Santa Claus," Mrs. Green confided to her neighbor.

"Our Janey knows the men are just 'playing Santa.' We have never told him Santa was a real person, but rather 'a jolly old elf!'"

"I can guess where you found that phase! In 'The Night Before Christmas!' It's a good one, but as well as reading aloud Clement Moore's poem, I'd like to know more about the original St. Nicholas!"

Saint Nicholas was born in Asia Minor late in the third century. His parents were wealthy and he was left quite a fortune. There are many legends about him, and he is said to have been Bishop of Myra (Lyca) a seaport town early in the 4th Century. He was very generous and loved to give little gifts to needy folk. But he didn't give in order to be thanked, and so he tried to give his presents without anyone knowing who sent them. Often when it was dark, he would slip quietly into a poor home and leave a little surprise on the hearth.

One story about Saint Nicholas tells how he helped a poor nobleman who had lost both his wife and his fortune. This man had three daughters and he was worried about their finding husbands because he had no money to give them a marriage dowry. In those days a girl without a dowry to set up housekeeping was just out of luck!

On three different nights, St. Nicholas tossed a little bag of gold through the open window into the nobleman's living room. On the second occasion the nobleman hurried out to see who was his benefactor. Saint Nicholas was swifter than the nobleman and made his escape. But the third time the nobleman was so quick that he ran and grasped the cloak of Saint Nicholas. "Kind Servant of God, why hide thy good deeds thus?" he

cried. Then Nicholas answered that he did not want anyone to know of his liberality.

Saint Nicholas became one of the most popular Saints of all Christendom and his day is December 6th. In olden days in Germany, someone would dress in the costume of a bishop, the evening of December 5th and distribute small gifts "for good children." Like the Christmas tree, this Yuletide custom spread to England toward the middle of the last century.

One legend about him is that he saved the lives of three little boys who were to be cut up and put into a salting tub instead of bacon. He is called "The Children's Saint," but he was also named the patron saint of sailors and travellers. Another story about Saint Nicholas is that he allayed a severe storm threatening a ship sailing to the Holy Land.

Parents are sometimes alarmed when they hear Santa Claus being condemned as "telling a child a pack of lies." They are on safe ground when they picture for their child the Saint Nicholas who really lived. Dr. Brock Chisholm and some other modern educators pour scorn on Santa. Other folk condemn him as a pagan. But he keeps his place in the affections of the younger generation!

Surely there is room in this last month of the year for both Saint Nicholas and the Baby Jesus. The old saint need take nothing away from the true meaning of Christmas. No legend about Saint Nicholas can compare in beauty with the story of the visit of the shepherds and the Wise Men to the Baby Jesus. Our children may want to "play being Santa" but let us help our boys and girls in imagination to visit the manger!

"O come little children, O come one and all,  
The cradle is here as in Bethlehem's stall,  
And see what the Father from Heaven above,  
Has sent us tonight as a proof of His love."

heard the news that her son was to become a father she had the good sense to place responsibility upon him for the first time in his life. That done, Harris went back to his wife, finding her most happy to have him back.

The new responsibility made Harris feel at last that he was a man; his wife now looked to him, and the biggest problem that had ever come to him was on its way to being solved.

### FATHER NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SON'S ACT

A justice of the Ontario Supreme Court ruled Friday that when a father backs the financing of his son's automobile, he does not necessarily have an ownership interest.

Mr. Justice R. A. Dams ordered the Ontario minister of

### THE BAFFLES By Mahoney



## FROM OUR EARLY FILES

Nov. 26th, 1925  
Geo. McKuen has sold his fine farm of 100 acres at Lemonville to a Miss Huffman of Toronto for \$13,000. This is one of the choicest farms in Whitechurch. All of our deer hunters have returned and we are pleased to state that none of them met with any misfortune worse than missing a shot at the feet footed animals they were in search of. A number failed to bring back any game, although a great many deer came to this section. Robt. Hare so far as we could learn, possessed the largest animal, a 235 pound buck, shot in the Haliburton district.

Fred Pugh of Claremont, captured four prizes in poultry at the Royal Fair in Toronto last week. We are not sure whether Fletcher Goudle 'groomed' these birds or not, but in any event he is likely to exhibit from his pens at next year's show, having won signal success this year at Markham and Woodbridge.

Within a space of ten days James McCreight shot a beautiful pair of hawks on his farm south of Stouffville and brought them to the Tribune office for our inspection on Tuesday. They were evidently male and female, and the larger was four feet from wing to wing tip. Mr. McCreight's chickens were badly molested of late and had been so frightened that many of them would not leave the pen. While Mr. McCreight lays no claim to prowess as a sharp shooter, he felled both birds with a 22 rifle on difficult shots.

The Board of Trade at their meeting on Monday evening instructed that the park grounds, which are now free of debt be formally presented to the town at the next council meeting, and a committee was formed to carry out this arrangement.

There is a rumor afloat from a very reliable source to the effect that the Sutton train is soon to be discontinued by the C.N.R. This train makes one trip daily from Sutton to Toronto and return, and it is generally believed that it is a poor paying line, in fact some state that the Company operates this branch at a direct loss. No doubt the people of Ballantrae, Mount Albert and other places will protest strongly against the discontinuance of the service.

Owing to the fall of snow during Monday night, our drayman C. Cadieux, was able to rush the season on Tuesday morning and merchants received their express parcels delivered from sleighs. It's not often there is any slipping so early in the season in Stouffville, but it didn't last long as the weather soon moderated considerably.

Lloyd Turner assisted Battie and Duff, Brooklin farmers, in the exhibition of their Clydesdale horses at Guelph and Toronto Royal Fairs. The exhibitors cleaned up on the Championship at both fairs.

trans port to pay \$4,440 out of the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund to Clarence Terry, 30, of Putnam.

Mr. Terry was awarded damages last spring against Ross Shellington, 19, of Belmont and applied for payment out of the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

The minister of transport opposed the application on the basis that Mr. Terry should have sued Lloyd Shellington, the youth's father, because he had signed the conditional sales contract as guarantor when his son bought the car.

## BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Anchor Wallace

### Carry A Little Honey

The great physician, Sir William Osler, used to lecture to medical students and nurses, to prepare them for their careers. These addresses were gathered into a book and published under the title: "Counsels and Ideals." The book is not in print but I have a copy of it which I cherish. Over and over again, the doctor told his students that their success depended largely on their personalities. The cultivation of hopeful, cheerful, kindly qualities is half the battle. "Never forget," he would say, "that you will go further and do more good if you have kind personalities."

I have quite a few friends who boast about their outspoken frankness. They speak their minds, and if other people don't like it, so much the worse for them. Friends apologize for them by saying that "They call a spade a spade" and their wives speak of them with wifely charity by referring to them as "diamonds in the rough."

Both their friends and wives have a cause. There are a good many men — and a few women — who take a positive delight in putting the worst side out. The Pharisees of Christ's day sought to get a reputation for goodness when actually they had little of it. Jesus said of them "They indeed appear beautiful outward." But the people I am thinking of now care little or nothing for reputation. They enjoy rubbing others the wrong way.

Dr. Samuel was a good illustration of this attitude. It may have been his early experiences, when the struggle to live was hard and bitter, or the fact that his face was so heavily marked with scrofula and his big lanky frame shaken with convulsive jerks as he walked; but whatever the reason, Johnson became sour and morose and antagonized many people.

But Johnson did himself an injustice. His closest friends knew that he was kind and generous to a fault. He frequently gave all the coppers and silver he had in his pockets to street Arabs, and there were many who watched for him to pass because they knew that his sympathies were deep and easily touched.

For his mother, he had the tenderest regard, and there are few more touching letters in all literature than the following one that he wrote to her:

"Dear Honoured Mother: — Neither your condition nor your character make it fit for me to say very much. You have been the best mother, and I believe, the best woman in the world. I thank you for your indulgence, and beg forgiveness for all that I have done ill, and all I have omitted to do well. God grant you His Holy Spirit, and receive you to everlasting happiness for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. Lord Jesus receive your spirit.

I am, dear, dear Mother,  
Your dutiful son, 'Sam Johnson'."

It is hard to believe that the man who wrote with such sublime tenderness was regarded by many as morose, sullen and harsh. On the other hand, it is true that the habit of being brutally outspoken can become a vicious one and that many otherwise good people do much to nullify their influence by unnecessary brusqueness. Dr. W. L. Wilkinson once saw a book with the title: "Roses, How I Grow Them and How to Show Them", and he wisely assumed that to show roses properly was almost as important as growing them aright.

The apostle Paul in his letter to the Christians in Rome said: "Let not then your good be evil spoken of." Paul must have had good reason for his comment. He probably knew many fine people who did not do themselves justice. They presented their goodness in such a way that it antagonized people. In substance he said, "I want you to be good, but I want you to be so in a winsome way."

It never hurts to be courteous and considerate of other people's feelings. Those who delight in calling a spade a spade can do much damage by deeply wounding sensitive souls. A quaint passage in the book of Genesis (43:11) tells of the advice Jacob gave to his sons as they were leaving their famine-stricken land to go to Egypt, hoping to buy food. He knew that much would depend on the impression they made. Telling them of the gifts they were to take, he said: "Carry . . . a little honey."

This is good advice for the journey through life. Honey is better than vinegar. We are bound to meet all sorts of people, good, bad and indifferent; but they are people, and to treat them with love and gentleness makes life better all round.

Our quotation today is by A. C. Benson: "Only things done in kindness bring us satisfaction as we grow older."



Ottawa -- Canada's nation-wide Safe-Driving Week for 1957 is taking place this week under the sponsorship of the Canadian Highway Safety Conference.

This campaign has two main objectives: to reduce the traffic death toll and to point up the responsibilities of pedestrian and motorist in highway safety. "Accidents are caused one at a time, by individuals, and they must be prevented the same way," declared the Conference chairman, Hon. Gordon Taylor, Alberta's Minister of Highways.

Taking active part in Safe-Driving Week 1957 are the federal and provincial governments of Canada, industry, business, public groups, police forces, the judiciary, provincial and community safety organizations, and many others.

Both the Governor General, Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey, and Prime Minister Diefenbaker have expressed approval and support of Safe-Driving Week.

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