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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

It's Your Business

Does the average Stouffvillite care how well (or how badly) his or her community is governed? If interest in local government elections over the years is any criterion, the answer must be a resounding no.

Many times the percentage of those eligible to vote, who do vote is small, smaller than in provincial elections and smaller still than in federal ones. Yet, as so often has been pointed out, of all three levels of government, that of the municipality touches us most closely.

Water, sewage disposal, street construction and repair, street lighting, police, fire, parks - these are all services most vital to life as we know it. They may not be the last word in excitement, but we would be in a pretty poor state without them. Their provision is the business of municipal, or local government, and

is therefore, our business.

Nor should we forget that municipal business today is big business. The explosive post-war growth of our area has meant great expansion of local government services. And where else have the big sums necessary to finance this expansion come from if not from taxes?

The Reeves, deputy-reeves, councillors and commissioners who serve their communities bear a considerable load. On their shoulders rests . the responsibility to spend the tax mills both wisely and well.

All the more reason, then, why we should see to it that the best qualified and most able citizens become candidates and secure election. In the few weeks immediately ahead we can do worse than remember that locally, quite as much as in wider spheres, we get the government we deserve.

Urban Development Locally Inevitable

People living in the Stouffville area have been able to see the urban * explosion that has accompanied Ontario's and Canada's industrial expansion. Now the Bureau of Statistics has produced the figures to show the extent of the explosion.

In 1901, only 37.1 per cent of Canadians lived in urban areas. By 1951 the percentage had risen to 63.5 and by 1956 to 66. The Bureau notes: "The reports show that urbanization has been gathering momentum in recent years. The forces of industrialization have significantly altered population distribution in this coun-

Ontario is the most urbanized province, of course, with more than three-quarters of its population living in urban centres. And the big urban development in Ontario has taken place in the "golden horseshoe," of which Stouffville forms a part.

It has meant prosperity and some undesirable things as well. have traded character and

beauty for the boast of bigness. Growth has compounded the municipal problems besides increasing the revenues.

This urban growth will continue in Southern Ontario. The growing towns will become bigger and bigger. It will mean a more prosperous province and nation.

Stouffville has reached another crossroads in this development growth. Annexation is planned, and council is about ready to face the neighboring townships to request additional acres for urban development.

Last week the brakes were applied by Planning Board on residential development. Good land within town borders is about run out. More and more, land use will be watched to improve some of the drawbacks in urban growth. This growth is desirable as well as inevitable, but we must keep close check on the dangers in order that we may reap the abundance in benefits.

End Of Insect Season

October brings an end, as a rule, to most activity of outdoor insect life.

When a warm day comes in November, gnats may rise in spirals and a sluggish grasshopper may be found taking refuge beneath a bush not quite denuded of its foliage. But the chill October nights write an end to the insect orchestra.

The monarch butterfly; deep

orange and black of wing, which has been dining on milkweed nectars, has congregated in numbers and left for a warmer climate.

Bees, many of them wild and destined not to see another spring, are frenzied in their activity above is running out.

Then and Now

In view of the fact that meat prices today are somewhere in the stratosphere, it is interesting to note that back in 1932, when the depression was about at its worst, livestock prices were scraping bottom. For

remaining garden flowers. It is as though the insects sensed that time

instance, hogs were quoted at \$3.50 .

a cwt. live weight in October of that

year, the lowest in 20 years., Meat was cheap then, but even so only those who had steady employment were able to eat high up on the hog.

Training For Hunters

Last year the Ontario Departnent of Lands and Forests started a 'hunter safety training" program. There is no doubt that such a program was necessary and that it needs to be expanded.

From the 1954 hunting season through 1957, there were 275 hunting accidents in Ontario. Of these 84 were fatal - slightly more than 30 per cent or almost one in three. It is safe to say that most of these accidents would not have occurred had all hunters been properly trained in the safe use of firearms and put their training into practice.

At present the hunter safety training program is not mandatory, but officials explain that certain steps had to be taken to prepare for that eventuality. One such step is the renewable portion of the 1958 resident. hunting license.

.In a letter to all license issuers, Dr. W. J. K. Harkness, chief of the Department's division of fish and wildlife explains : "The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in 1957 initiated the hunter safety training program. Classes will be conducted by certified instructors working in the main through organized sports clubs across the province. It is the intention to present this course to all applicants for their first hunting license. Upon successful completion of the course, the student receives a "certificate of competence" which, when presented to an issuer, allows the holder to purchase his first hunting license.

"We have assumed in starting this course, that the holder of a license is competent to hunt safely, and therefore will not of necessity take the course. When the course does become mandatory the holder of a hunting license will just fill in the renewable portion of his license to purchase a new one. In practice this procedure will be similar to the issuance of motor vehicle permits."

It is a start. But the program needs toughening. It cannot be assumed, for example, that all license holders are competent. -Oshawa Times.

From Our Early Files There is now some talk of the jetc., and a parade of old-fashion- prize in the open class sod for which had a pagan beginning, value in satisfying effort. Don't

in the year.

While farm stock sales in this ville on Friday last week, Miss tor Class 2. district are selling well, there Vera Tarr of Stouffville carried Councillor D. H. Rusnell are very few auctions this fall. off the fifth prize in the canning brought into the office of this cent relate that on this date ter paint jar is a good idea. A consequently the two to be held section against entrants from paper the other day branches off bonfires used to be lit before three year old will likely want this Friday and Saturday are Woodbridge, Victoria Square, a raspberry bush well loaded

likely to be widely attended. Buttonville and Unionville.

"Old Fashioned Day" was ob- At the Provincial Plowing to be quite a customary thing informs us that they had a pie color pumpkins. These little served by the Stouffville W.I. at Match held at Ottawa, a Stouff- every fall and some people have at his house a few days ago, poster paint pots are more satisthe October meeting. Exhibition ville plowman was again in the picked a fair quantity of the made from fresh, raspberries factory for a small child's use of handwork, quilts, cushions, forefront of the prize winners, fruit. Luther Allan at Bethesda just picked on the farm. . . . than the usual paint box, and

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11th, a ant afternoon. lowing day he won second for public holiday. If they do, there At the Home and Canning com- the championship, being beaten will be a holiday for each month petition conducted by the Dept. by G. Hostrosser of Malton. a very big figure in our land -

with new fruit. This is getting

many people believed that the the final Judgment day.
spirits of the dead were allowed In the juntor grade of to return and visit their homes on Hallowe'en. The eve of this festival came to be called "All Hallow E'en or All Saints' Eve" -with hallow having the same meaning as our word "holy". Fred Timbers of Whitchurch The early church fathers kept was successful in capturing first this and many other festivals, Federal Government declaring ed costumes filled a very pleas-tractors, on Thursday. The fol-significance. Witches and spirits don't cut he brings home for you to see!

of Agriculture held at Union Fred Pugh won a second in trac except on October 31st. Perhaps three, four or five year olds it is just as well. The oldtimers of Scottish des- an investment in an orange pos-

their wicked revels. The ancient !

Romans, early in November,

had a festival in honour of Po-

moma, goddess of fruit trees.

God and in thankgiving for the

In the Middle Ages in Britain,

the witches on that night.

Mark 1:14—"After that John was put in prison, Jesus came Approach to the Lesson into Galilee, preaching the Gospel . . ." An interval of nearly the car three nights a week. A The deity of Christ was at tested at His baptism. His moral excellence was tested in the wilderness. The victorious Son of God was ready to commence John 1:19 to 4:42. He will des-

His public ministry in the north: After the events described in John 1:19 to 4:42 He moved into Galilee, the King summoning loyal workers to His colors, announcing His Kingdom, and demonstrating His loving and beneficent power. The 'Lord Jesus journeyed

"throughout all Galilee" (Mark 1:39). But the scene of our lesson is laid along the shore of the Sea and in the city of Caper-

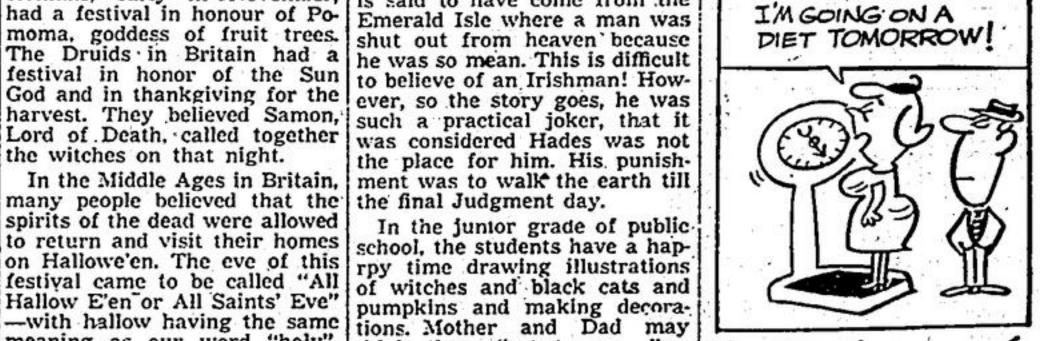
viour's proclamation was the now reach their consummation: oped the bad habit of arguing Gospel (good news) of the Kingdom of God (v. 15). This the King, He announces the ad- tervened one evening when both Kingdom is indissolubly asso- vent of the Kingdom, and urges had "heavy dates" and no one ciated with Christ the King. As men to enter it through repent- got the car. They were two very He approaches, the Kingdom ance -change of heart and mind disappointed young men. draws nigh. Entrance into the Kingdom and access to its royal benefits depend upon repentance | and Andrew his brother cast-(a change of mental and spir- ing a net into the sea The itual direction) and saving faith | Sea of Galilee (about thirteen in the Gospel.

passionate Son of God. But Christ did not come to

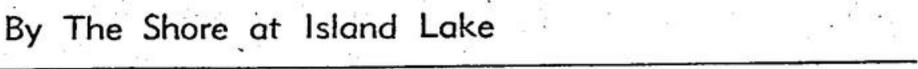
they are not much more expensive because they do last for quite a long time.

Spread out newspapers on a table or the kitchen floor if you have no easel, give your child a large sheet of paper, and then let him go ahead and paint whatever he likes! He needs no

celebration of Hallowe'en is a placed by the members of the time of fun and frolic whose family around the glowing emorigin goes far back in time. In bers, each one putting one stone the old Celtic calendar, October in place. It was a bad omen for WORDS _or hat Bring Roman 31st was the last day of the year | the owner of the stone, if i and on this night witches and moved in its position during the by Brief Assessed THOUGHTS The character, Jack O'Lantern is said to have come from the Emerald Isle where a man was



tions. Mother and Dad may think these "art treasures" a ... BUT LET'S FACE IT! bit crude, but they have been fun to make and there is always Tomorrow always Tomorrow! ing an interest in the drawing In homes where there are who are longing to "do things!" to paint the whole sheet orange. but an older child can draw and ANGERION



SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

tinue. He chose followers who

would sit at His feet and learn

the majestic lessons that fell

would then propagate the Gos-

pel to the ends of the earth.

Verse by Verse

(Greek).

-and saving faith.

Verse 16-"... He saw Simon

miles long and six and one half

THE GALILEAN MINISTRY BEGINS

Mark 1: 11-39

BETWEENWOURSELVES

Good Morning, Everybody

watching the city slowly come to life in the morning. Beginning

before seven a.m., he stood at a busy underground railway

exit, street corners, etc., and watched people's faces as they

rushed to work. Thye didn't all hurry; a few had a little time

of the men weren't too bad, but quite a few were sloppy; two

eggs for breakfast, one out and one in. I have a kindly feeling

refreshed after a night's rest and their nerves were not frayed

as they might be later in the day. There was a little pushing

and shoving but not a great deal. Even the bus drivers were

cordial; so far no dreamy pedestrians had walked in front

of them. Here and there a girl powdered her nose, oblivious to

others or just indifferent. Taking it all in all the atmosphere

watched Manchester get up, also London, Glasgow and several

other cities. There isn't as much difference as one might think.

Nearly three thousand years ago a Psalmist wrote of the heat

that wasteth at noonday. He knew the early morning was all

The magazine writer said most people feel better about life early in the morning. I wonder. But one thing is sure;

it is a good thing to start the day right and maintain good will

and cordiality. I don't mean that we should all be Pollyannas

and live in a make-believe world, but I think it is possible

students of St. Andrews University in Scotland. His own South

Africa and indeed the whole world was in a turbulent con-

dition with intolerance and misunderstanding, but the great

leader said: "I refuse to shut my eyes to evil; I am no ostrich

hiding my face in the sand; nevertheless I believe that life is

good, and God intended it should be good for all of us, and

that it is our duty to meet each day with courage and hope."

who faced so much adversity. But it was a Christian philosophy.

When Dr. Samuel Johnson reached his fiftieth birthday he drew

up a number of resolutions for his future conduct. " I resolve

henceforth," he wrote, "to use more than ordinary devotion

as soon as I rise in the morning." Then follows a list of other

resolves, but that one about getting off to a wholesome start

roses he must have roses in his heart. We must have love

within. I don't mean that we should go through life with a silly grin and a gushing veneer of social polish, but it is poss-

ible to have an attitude to others quite sincere and gracious.

There is an increasing number of people whose attitude to other people is kind and gracious; people who greet each

morning as a devout Hebrew did when he wrote: "This is the

day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad

is the day the Lord hath made, we will rejoice and be glad

The end of October with its each home. A circle of stone was

The Druids in Britain had a he was so mean. This is difficult

festival in honor of the Sun to believe of an Irishman! How-

warlocks walked about and held | night of October 31st.

Our quotation today is from the Old Testament: "This

Foolishness

by Nancy Cleaver

shut out from heaven because

the place for him. His punish-

ment was to walk the earth till

In the juntor grade of public-

school, the students have a hap-

rpy time drawing illustrations

of witches and black cats and

pumpkins and making decora-

Not long before his death, General Smuts addressed the

Those were brave words from an eighty-year-old man

There is an old saying that before anyone can grow

was cheerful and good-natured. It was still quite early.

on their hands and loitered near shop windows.

right; the trouble came later.

in the morning was a sound one.

For Parents Only -

Hallowe'en

to face all the facts and remain hopeful.

for men like that; I've been that way all my life.

In a recent magazine a visitor to New York told of

Some were spick and span, especially the women, most

Most of the passersby were in good humour; they were

The same thing happens all oven the world. I have

GOLDEN TEXT—The time fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent' ye, and believe the gospel. -Mark 1:15.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

As the voice of the Father wide) was the scene of much of automobile. They planned their had accredited the Son in bap- our Lord's activity. Beside its tism, so the miracles that ac- shores He now calls His first agreed that only one would ask company Christ's preaching and four disciples to service. These teaching accredit His message men had already acknowledged as divine. The exorcism (driving the Lord (see John 1:40142); And they found they were get out) of evil spirits and the healing of disease demonstrate (1) the incalculable superiority of Christ over the Devil and his hosts, even if these are vicious, ruthless, and stubborn; (2) the amazing power of the Saviour. whose outstretched arm raised a feverish woman, not to a state of continued physical weakness (normal after a "great fever," Luke 4:38), but to strength that enabled her at once to serve (Mark 1:29-31); but supremely they reveal (3) the identity of the miracle worker as the com-

adult directions for this activity.



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GRANDDAD SAYS

The skyline 'neath the dark blue

Wreathed in color-the whole contour. As if the master Painter had Just splashed His gorgeous

colors o'er. The glistening yellows, orange and gold. Amid the carmine red of oak,

Flanked with the green fir trees around- . Humbled us so we rarely spoke. Wherein we trod with awed

Lest we break the spell of the? As we sensed power, beauteous, At Nature's lavish hand

control.

In Haliburton's famed highlands Which we viewed last Thanksgiving Day, As we journeyed the path along. Through the heart of Nature's

display. Each bush and tree vied with the eye.
The mind, the heart of all who

The evidence of power divine, And wisdom of His plan and Making us more fully aware

Of our place in life great plan,

Made in His image and likeness

As trees emblazened in the And evicence His power diving To all, through decency of love?

-Alyrtle Tindall Dowswell

Une-car Family

If you are a one-car family, earth simply to preach, heal, like most of us are, this problem and then forever disappear with- of who gets the car and when, A seventeen year old senior

should have the family car atfrom His sacred lips, and who least three nights a week" and In the first place, it seems to:

year elapses between Mark Friday or Saturday night date 1:13 and 14. The author omits seems sufficient, unless there is the historical details given in some special activity scheduled. Teenagers forget that Dad can cribe the Baptist's imprison- not always schedule his activiment later (Mark 6:14-29); now | ties so that son or daughter can he dates the beginning of our have the automobile whenever

Christ's preaching was "the ev- too, and may need the automo-

1:10). Prophecies and prepara- about the family car. The central theme of the Sa- tory events of previous eras Two teenage brothers devel-Messiah has arrived. Himself about the car. Finally, father in-

> The result of this action, however, brought peace and harmony to the family. The sons decided it was time for them to make a gentlemen's agreement about when each would use the activities well in advance. It was for the car at any certain time.

Peace reigned in the family. ting the car much more ofter;

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Difficulties Can be Solved

out a trace. His work would con- can become involved. writes that he believes "he

> that all his friends get their family's car that often. us a senior in high school should' have so much studying to do he wouldn't have time to use

Lord's Galilean ministry by that they want it. In addition, mother event. The general theme of has activities that are important

angel -Good news- of God". bile. The problem becomes more Verse 15-". . . The kingdom acute if there are two or more of God is at hand: repent ye, teenagers in the family who are and believe the gospel." The old enough to drive. We can re-"time is fulfilled", Gal. 4:4; Eph. | member a lesson years ago

than ever before. (Continued on page 5)

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