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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Call To Vote

Next Monday, Dec. 1st, the rate-payers of Stouffville are being called to elect a new council for the year 1959. This is always a most important day in the life of the community, and should be an important day as well, in the life of every citizen who has a vote.

The job of running this town is becoming big business — business which requires the attention of keen and able men with an alertness to the needs of the entire town both for the present and the future. Stouffville has advanced further in the last

half dozen years than for a score of years previous, and the development continues to roll.

The voters are most fortunate this year in the number of candidates from which they have to choose the new council members, and there should be no difficulty in selecting an able board from those who have offered their services.

It is up to every citizen to get out and exercise his or her franchise to give this municipality the best local government that is possible. See you at the polls on Monday.

Value of Reading

As this is Young Canada Book Week, the Canadian Library Association is urging once again the importance of developing an early interest in reading among boys and girls.

Of course, there is no question about the value of this objective. Reading is the tool with which the individual communicates not only with the minds of people throughout the vast spaces of his own nation but also with those in other countries. It is also the principal means of communication with the thought of past ages, and the fruit—in story, poem, history or great philosophy — of

great minds long since dead.

The big problem for educationists and librarians is the development in the child of a taste for a product which, on the surface, may not be as entertaining as the comics or television.

But there isn't much doubt about the relative value to the individual of the classics as opposed to the more ephemeral forms of literature. Fortified by this faith, teachers and librarians at least can know they are engaged in a vital and significant activity — one which can have undreamed of results.

Recent Rains Were Welcome

No one can deny that we have had a beautiful fall from the standpoint of fine weather. There has been lots of sunshine and it has not been overly cold. However, up until last week one thing had been lacking, a good drenching rain.

Farmers were very short of water and a number were drawing the precious liquid for livestock use. Here, in town, with our adequate supply, we are inclined to forget that many people in the immediate district do not have such a supply.

Quite apart from the needs of the land, every rural dweller depends to a large extent on rainfall to ensure a supply of water throughout the winter months. His cistern is his reservoir and if there is little rain, he is faced with two alternatives: haul water from the nearest creek or use hard water for all purposes, if he is fortunate enough to have a good well. But these wells too, must be replenished and during particularly dry spells they frequently fail to meet the needs of the farm.

For Parents Only —

Convalescent Child

by Nancy Cleaver

"The best part of being sick is that Mummy took time to read aloud to me... stories and poems. I liked 'A Child's Garden of Verses' because there was a little boy in it who had to stay in bed for a while, too." Tommy told his chum when he got well again.

Robert Louis Stevenson writes of "the pleasant land of Countenance" and it is a mother who makes the difference between convalescence being a happy or boring time. It is her care for her extra demands are made on her time, energy and patience. But a parent and child are often drawn closer to each other during sickness.

A sick child needs more attention than a healthy one, but parents must not allow him to become a small dictator. If he is an only child, or if his illness has been serious and they have been very anxious about him, this can easily happen. We should the parent, in his zeal to get the child better, assume the dictator's role.

In the first place it is well for a mother to realize that her own attitude is of tremendous importance. A mother just has to keep her courage up and look on the bright side at a time of family upheaval. Junior is sick but he will get better. His recovery will be a lot more pleasant and quicker, too, if he does not suspect that mother is worrying about him.

Fatigue, with the extra work of a patient in the house, is sometimes so great that a mother finds it very hard not to be irritable, and depressed. For that reason, she should cut out any unessentials in her day, and plan to get in a little more rest.

The doctor's orders should be followed implicitly. A mother should make sure she understands clearly his instructions and then follow them to the letter. Friends and neighbours—and relatives, too—may think they have much wiser ways of treating this particular illness. A parent may have to listen politely to their ideas, but hold fast to the resolution that the doctor is the person who is in full command of a child's recovery.

ing out with Mother his own copy up, and tacking his own into different hours of purposeful activity does not seem to stretch out endlessly.

A patient, even a young one, should learn to spend part of his time happily by himself. A mother must be careful that her child's eyes are not strained by reading or handiwork during a convalescent stretch, or T.V. if the family owns a set. Listening to the radio, singing favourite songs, making up and telling a story are all activities which are "easy on the eyes."

Children love handicraft and a small patient needs crayons if he likes to colour, blunt scissors for cutting out pictures or designs, and other play material. Simple weaving, sewing or knitting are other possible occupations. If there is a portable phonograph in the house, a child can have many happy hours playing it himself. A big calendar on the wall, with each day stroked off at night time, makes a child feel that his time for being in bed is passing.

If you have a sick child on the way to good health again in your home, try to give him happy memories of this time!

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Mark Completion Of All-Canadian Encyclopedia

Completion of the Encyclopedia Canadiana, after six years work, was marked by a banquet in Ottawa last week.

The 10-volume work, prepared under Dr. John E. Robbins, editor-in-chief, in a unique 4,000 page publication devoted exclusively to the Canadian scene, past and present. Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, Dominion archivist and national librarian, was chief editorial consultant.

Specially prepared, hand-bound set of the 3,000,000 - Canadiana will be presented at the banquet by Hon. Brooke Claxton, president of the Canada Council, for forwarding to Queen, Elizabeth and Governor-General Massey.

Recipients of other special sets will be the National Library of Congress at Washington.

The coming winter will be severe, mild or somewhere in between. This prediction is based upon the fact that bark is on the outside of the trees this fall.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Stouffville, Ontario
Nov. 15th, 1958
Stouffville Tribune,

Dear Sirs:
We note that the Jehovah's Witnesses are being heeled down into the mud again because they obeyed the voice of conscience instead of ignorant men! No doubt, if it were the urine of moabs, these men still would want to force it into the veins of our children whether we wanted it or not. Is this what Christ, the greatest Physician of all times, taught, or the Apostles later, or even Moses before them? If any man would have needed a blood transfusion had Christ approved of it, it was that same Lazarus who already stank when He raised him up from the dead! But did He call for volunteers or even give a single drop of His own blood? You bet not! But loudly condemns it in Luke 13: 13, if we read intelligently; for Galilee herself was a city polluted in her own blood.

Would those who approve of blood transfusion want to drink out of the same cup, or eat from the same unwashed plate with any of their donors? No! not even wipe their hands on the same towel if they saw and knew most of them. Yet they will swallow their blood down their own throats if they have a tooth out or something. What filth! No one can possibly be clean within who carries in his veins the blood of 50 to 100 or more different men and women (all mixed up together!), whose background and ancestries they know absolutely nothing about, and among whom are likely to be liars, thieves, adulterers or even murderers, for all they know! Is life so precious that it must be saved at the expense of such corruption? Read the Word of God and you will find out that cleanliness, particularly in blood, is next only to godliness, and woe to them who defile it by force!

Yes, give me the urine of mares first: I will vote with the Witnesses here any time, and I am sure hundreds of others will, too, when the right time comes!

—(Mrs) M. E. Dew

160 Nails Found In Man's Stomach

Surgeons in Tehran removed 160 nails, a pocket knife and a spoon from the stomach of Sayd Mohammed, 40, a carpenter at Sina Hospital. He had complained of pains in the abdomen. "I don't remember swallowing the knife and spoon but I always liked the taste of nails," said Mohammed.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Sorry—she's gone out with some other pinhead!"



Invincible Spirit

A few weeks ago I visited a lady who has been confined to bed for twelve years with arthritis. No day in her life is without pain and she can scarcely do a thing for herself. But her cheerfulness and general outlook on life astonished me. There wasn't a word of bitterness or self-pity in her conversation. She was in a better frame of mind than ninety percent of people in good health.

I often think of the people I have known who have taken it on the chin but by some inner resources have overcome the temptation to become sour and put to shame the rest of us who have much to be thankful for. There is something invincible about the human spirit and the courage of sufferers does much to increase our faith in the dignity and worth of human beings.

It is impossible here to give more than the briefest attention to many others whose triumph over adverse circumstances has furnished inspiration to others similarly afflicted. One thinks of Dr. George Matheson who, in spite of much impaired eyesight, graduated from Glasgow University with honours. He was practically blind from his nineteenth year and spent the remaining years of his life in darkness, but no physical affliction could darken his mind or cloud his eagerness to serve and enlighten others. Much of his own experience went into writing of his famous hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go!" and especially the third stanza:

One thinks of Josiah Wedgwood, compelled to leave school at the age of nine; stricken with smallpox at the age of thirteen and left for the remainder of life a cripple, yet becoming the greatest potter in England, if not of the world; of John Kitto, who was left so deaf as the result of a terrible accident when a boy, that he never heard again, shut off completely in a world of his own, yet living to become the greatest Bible scholar of his generation and honoured with degrees from many universities. Henry Fawcett was only twenty-five years of age when some gunshot entered his eyes and from that day until the day of his death he was totally blind; the curtain had fallen and never again could he read the papers and books he loved so well. Yet at the age of thirty-two he entered the British Parliament and some years later he was appointed Postmaster-General of England, with over ninety thousand employees under his direction.

Francis Parkman was a blind historian whose literary output ranks him among the first authorities in the field which he selected. There were days when he suffered so much pain, both from his eyes and from an acute form of rheumatism that his brain refused to work. Yet it is questionable whether any historian ever took such pains to verify his facts as did Parkman and before his death twenty scientific societies in Great Britain and America honoured him with recognition.

Charles Steinmetz, in spite of an undersized, crippled body which gave him the appearance of a dwarf, became a world authority on electrical engineering — a cripple with a giant mind and soul. When deafness descended on the musician Beethoven, he was for a time prostrated and almost broken, but though he could not hear his own compositions, he did not give way to self-pity or despair, and few men have left the world a greater heritage of music.

The foregoing examples have been selected simply because the facts of their lives have been made widely known by themselves, or by others. What of that vast unnumbered host of heroic souls about whom nothing has been known except by a small circle of intimate friends? For every heroic soul whose story becomes known, there are a million equally courageous, about whom no one ever hears. The difficulties of ill-health are certainly not insurmountable. It is well within the range of endeavor to exalt the spiritual self over the bodily health.

This is not something one reads about only in books, it can be seen every day in our cities and on the back concessions. There is only one explanation of it. It is that, somehow, God compensates these sufferers for what they have to endure. And their heroisms is a tonic to the rest of us.

Our quotation today is by James Allen: "We cannot choose our circumstances, but we can choose our thoughts."

Top Students Leave Before Grade Ten

A Hamilton public school inspector says 28 percent of the "cream of the crop" dropped out of school before grade 10 in a group of 230 students he surveyed.

Speaking to the Ont. School Trustees' Association recently, George Force said the students—all from the same school and attending grades 9, 10 or 11—were divided into three groups. Of the best, 28 percent dropped out before the end of grade 10. Fifty-five percent of the average students quit before completing grade 10. More than 90 percent of the below-average students quit during or before grade 10.

A. C. Ritter of Kingston suggested intermediate schools covering grades seven to 10 should be set up which would give students a chance to explore the subjects which would be open to them in senior school. "I am wondering how well our senior schools are adapted to help the student make the proper choice as to his future education," said Mr. Ritter. J. C. Webster of Brantford said an intermediate school would provide a "leaving point" for students who leave at 16. "It would also leave the way clear for the non-academic student to drop out."

Motor-boating Fifty Years Ago on Musselman's Lake

Mr. Vern Davies, of Cedar Beach, Musselman's Lake, has received an interesting letter from a former Stouffville resident, now living in Kenora. The writer is W. A. Allan who was assistant to the Grand Trunk Railway agent here in 1902. He writes as follows:

Dear Sir,
An article in the Globe & Mail describing your lake as it is now, with some history included, took my thoughts back to 1902, when I was employed as assistant to the agent of the then Grand Trunk Railway at Stouffville. Among those who boarded at the same place I did—Mrs. Barclay's—was Geo. Collard, the village druggist, and Rollo Nelles, secretary of the local foundry. Mr. Nelles rigged up a small skiff with a tiny one-cylinder gas engine, and got up his party to try it out on the only water at all handy, Musselman's Lake. His party consisted of himself, Collard, and Dr. Fred Warriner, who at that time was going to dental school in Toronto. I was pretty much a kid, they took me along for the outing. They had hired a team and wagon to take the boat up to the lake, and at daybreak one Sunday morning we started for the lake, and

for our first ride in a motor boat. It was, for me, and I think for the others also. Since that time I have travelled many miles in gas boats of various sizes and kinds, but still remember the kick we got when Nelles got her started, and how we did not want to stop for fear it would not go again. We had a wonderful day, running round and round the little lake.

I do not know whether either Collard or Nelles are living or not. It would be possible, but not likely, as they were both grown up at the time. Dr. Warriner went to Winnipeg, became mayor of the city, is now retired and living there. Nelles moved to Toronto long ago, and I have not had any news of either him or Collard for many years.

I do not know whether you operate on your lake, but I thought you might be interested in my little story of what was probably the first time a gas engine was used on Musselman's Lake. It is more than 40 years since I was in Stouffville, but if I should ever be in that vicinity again, I shall gratify an old man's curiosity to see your lake again.

Sincerely,
W. A. Allan

Many Things Affect Cost of New-Home

Understanding of the many factors affecting the cost of a new home help you appreciate what you can afford and what you are getting for your investment.

About 80 percent of the total cost of a house goes to your actual house structure, while the remainder goes to the cost of your lot. In some of the larger urban areas, of course, a higher percentage of the total cost goes for land.

There are some general factors which can affect costs to a very high degree. If you consider these factors before buying, you can sometimes make some economies.

Timing Important
For instance, timing is important. It's smart to build when men and materials are most readily available, rather than when they're in short supply.

If it is planned to buy a complete house, you are most likely to get the best price when there is a "buyers' market" in your area, that is, when builders find sales are slow.

The selection of a lot will have a bearing on building costs. A good lot means excavation will be easy, you'll have good soil, proper drainage, and as many trees as possible.

Services should be considered also. If there is no water or sewer service to the lot, and you are going to have a well and septic tank system, you should find out how soon services will be piped into your area.

The house design is also going to affect the price. In spite of the popularity of the ranch-type bungalows, the most economical type of house is the 1½ storey design. This design gives you the greatest possible floor area for a given amount of money.

Use Roof Space
This is because it uses roof space which is often wasted in a bungalow or two-storey house. The 1½ storey house lets you leave the second floor unfinished until you need more bedrooms and have more money to do the work.

The cost of any house is usually computed in terms of the "unit cost," the usual unit being the cost per square foot. If your money is limited, you can sometimes reduce this unit cost and still allow construction to proceed.

To obtain the greatest amount of livable floor area at the lowest possible unit cost, you should build up as well as out. This means your excavation, foundation and roof costs are lowered in relation to the total size of your house.

Ethical A. B. C's —
Granddad Says
Some struggle for the modern things.
Lifeless objects—like homes or rings,
And think—to progress with the times—
That they must all work overtime
And grow better by buying things
Like others have, to keep in swing.
Now, Brother, do not get me wrong.
Luxurious living, fun and song—
These things for which we run amok.
Are all right in the proper place.
But keep in mind, through toll and strife,
These things are not the aim of life.

Each generation's stride for things
In life's struggle, has helped to swing
To self-sufficiency's high gear
In industry's impersonal sphere.
But in the person sphere, we find
That real progress is of the mind.
In this old world our struggle rests
On knowing rules of life's contest.
So, those who will make good today,
Accepts the truths of yesterday,
And make oneself, like ideal man,
Bringing to fruition, life as planned.

Reviving Bedroom Wash Basin

An old-fashioned convenience, a wash basin in a bedroom, is back again in many new homes. It is now called a vanity lavatory or vanity.

Sparked by the popularity of counter-top wash basins, kitchen sinks, the lavatory built into a dressing table relieves pressure on high-cost bathrooms. Fine for bathing a baby, too.

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