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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Improper Representation

The Ajax town council is presently objecting to a one-man representation on the Metro Planning Board who is obliged to serve two other neighboring municipalities — Pickering Village and Pickering Township. The Ajax members insist that each village, town or township should have its own individual appointee on the Board.

The Village of Stouffville is linked up with Markham Township, Markham Village and Richmond Hill in a similar arrangement. Mr. Cy

Laurin, a Markham Twp. resident, represents the four municipalities.

I feel that this system is most unfair, both for the representative and the districts he must serve. Richmond Hill has little in common with Markham Township, similarly, Ajax differs widely from Pickering Township. Some areas are almost totally urban while others are industrial or agricultural. No one can do the work that should be handled by three or four. Someone is bound to suffer under such a scheme.

We Have Been Fortunate

There have been few towns in the entire province that have not been scarred by at least one serious Main Street fire. Bradford is one of the most recent to feel the effects of such an inferno. Aurora, Thornhill, Newmarket and Sunderland have all suffered a similar fate. In certain areas, it has been a blessing in disguise. Old, run-down frame structures have been replaced by more modern, up-to-date business places.

According to long-time residents of Stouffville, our town has to date, escaped such outbreaks. There have been serious fires here, true, but no complete business blocks have been wiped out as has occurred in municipalities of similar size all around us.

I believe there are three main

reasons for our fortunate position in this regard. Stouffville's north side business blocks comprise a compact section of commercial units. The south side, although partially cut up, is also quite solid. The majority of stores are of fire proof material. They are split up with few frame dwellings. I believe that the days are numbered for ones now there. In addition, we have a centrally located fire hall and an excellent group of brigade volunteers. To date, all these things have added up to an almost fire-free town.

We should not, however, become too complacent. One small spark could touch off a tragedy. One look at a gutted Bradford block and the seriousness of such a catastrophe hits home.

A Cat-Catcher

Dr. McBean of the Ontario County Health Unit has recommended that Municipal Councils should give serious consideration to the impounding of all stray cats in their respective villages, town and townships. He warned that the ever-present danger of rabies justified such action. He declined, however, to inform the members on what procedure they should take to corral the elusive felines.

The suggestion was regarded in a rather humorous vein by members of Council in Pickering Township, and, perhaps, rightly so. Their one-man dog-catcher is currently attempting to keep the canine population under control in both Pickering Village and the Township. In spite of his efforts, complaints are still prevalent, especially in built-up residential districts. To add a cat-catching job to

his already overloaded schedule, appears somewhat ridiculous.

Even in a confined area, such as Stouffville, the matter of roving dogs, presents a problem. The Police Chief is continually picking up the strays and issuing drastic warnings to owners. With the approach of milder spring weather, both the dogs and the complaints will show a marked increase. It is unlikely that the Chief would welcome any suggestion that stray cats should be added to his pick-up duties. That, in a nutshell, is the suggestion of the Ontario County Health Unit.

It is true that the rabies epidemic constitutes a health menace. It is true that cats as well as dogs could be affected. The general public must be educated on the necessity of anti-rabies vaccine for their pets. I believe this is the only solution to the problem.

Holding The Line Against Inflation Only A Fairy Tale

It would appear from all news reports and in attending the meetings of local boards of various municipal departments, that the government's idea to "hold the line against inflation," is little more than a fairy tale.

The rule of supply and demand is still the law which tells the tale and this can be seen on every hand, whether it be in the laboring or professional class.

During last week it is noted in the news columns that reeve Clark of Markham Township had his salary boosted a thousand dollars. The Warden of York County was given a \$2,000 increase and members of council \$4 a day more.

School teachers again this year will demand sky-rocketing figures. School Boards have long since lost all faith in the statements of Educa-

tion Minister Dunlop as to the teacher supply. Who he is trying to fool with his nonsensical statements of "no teacher shortage," we have never figured out.

Local officials were recently given a new round of increases, and business is being forced into higher wage brackets on every hand.

In Whitechurch Township about two dozen men on a winter work program receive \$1 an hour. These men are forced to hold the line because their numbers exceed the demand.

Manufacturers are finding door after door closed in foreign markets as the price of Canadian goods continues to mount to a point where outsiders cannot buy.

What does the future hold? We can't begin to guess, but the picture is not a rosy one.

For Parents Only —

U.N. Charter of Human Rights

by Nancy Cleaver

James Russell Lowell in "The Present Crisis" wrote: "They have rights who dare maintain them," and ten years ago the delegates to the United Nations dared to adopt the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Dec. 10th, 1948. This was marked by fitting observances all across Canada.

Discussion of a Bill of Rights for Canadians has focused attention on the Charter of Human Rights approved by the United Nations. This is not a legal document. It expresses the world's collective conscience on the relationships which should exist between individuals and groups. Here is a measuring rod by which actions may be judged.

Discrimination of any person because of his race, color, sex, language, religion, political opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status, is condemned. So is slavery, torture, arbitrary arrest and exile. Many of the articles

deal with the rights of everyone—the right to life, liberty and security of person, the right to recognition everywhere as a person before the law, the right to travel, to marry and found a family, the right to own property, to free choice of work, to education.

Only one article (29) deals not with rights but with duties. It states: "Everyone has duties to the community to which alone the free and full development of his personality is possible." The many rights try to define and make clear how a free man or woman should be able to live. The Charter interprets the four great freedoms—freedom from fear, from want, freedom to worship, and freedom of speech and the press.

When fathers and mothers attended school they learned about the Magna Charta. Today's boys and girls should also be familiar with this most recent of international documents on freedom, The Declaration of

Human Rights. In our homes, school children must be encouraged to take an interest in the world in which they live. Every Canadian should know just what this Charter contains. Parents should not leave it to school teachers to comment on the importance of this document adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. Copies may be obtained from the United Nations Association in Canada.

During the last decade a number of clubs and groups in youth Model United Nations conferences have studied this document. From time to time reference to it is made in the press and on the radio. One women's group assigned the 30 articles of the Charter to different members to read aloud and comment on briefly. The discussion which followed was a lively one. This blueprint could be used by any club featuring a Public Affairs night and librarians at our public libraries would be glad to assist in the search for interesting material.

There is value in thinking of terms of all human beings who are (or should be) as article one points out, motivated by "reason and conscience to act in a brotherly way." Unfortunately, sometimes the zealous promoters of human rights forget the last phrase, "in a brotherly way." Confucius said

LAFF OF THE WEEK



Look me in the eye and tell me what you did with my turtle!"



BETWEEN OURSELVES

Archer Wallace

How many books have you in your library? Even private libraries will sometimes have as many as 25,000 volumes and even more. On the other hand famous great men have not always been great readers, and one of these was the great nature poet, William Wordsworth. He loved the out of doors; birds, flowers, streams, hills, and all the glorious landscape of the countryside.

For the greater part of his life Wordsworth was a bachelor and lived with his sister at Dove Cottage in the Lake District of England. One day a visitor called at the cottage and asked to see him. "Is Mr. Wordsworth in his library?" he asked. To which the poet's sister replied: "Yes, my brother is in his library, but it is all out of doors."

Wordsworth's library was a fresh-air one. He saw in nature the writing of God and everything there deeply moved him. He once wrote:

My heart leaps up when I behold
The rainbow in the sky!
So was it when I was a boy;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die.

One night Wordsworth had been to a party and he was walking home over the lonely moors. It was very late, or shall we say very early, for he saw a glorious sunrise. From that moment he consecrated his life to God and began to write of the "beauties of nature." He never possessed more than two hundred books in his life, not that he despised books but because he read in nature what others failed to see. He believed that "Beauty is the autograph of God written clear and broad on all his works." He used to say that God loved beautiful things, because he designed the glorious plumage of the peacock; the faultless grace of the swan; the jewelled beauty of the kingfisher and the rainbow painted on the cloud.

Some think that Wordsworth was the greatest poet of nature that ever lived. That is making a great claim, but certain it is that he saw beauty everywhere. Here are a few of his sayings worth committing to memory:

The daisy, by the shadow that it casts,
Protects the lingering dew-drop from the sun.

To me the meanest flower that blows can give
Thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears.

Echoes, and waterfalls, and pointed crags
That into music touch the passing winds.

The light that never was, on sea or land,
The consecration, and the poet's dream.

Many a man or woman has found enduring peace and a sense of quiet exultation who could not find it elsewhere. And the ministry of the garden is not confined to trees and flowers. We read of one man who walked in his garden in depression:

Everything had gone wrong with him and he was in despair. He walked in his garden and saw a bird's nest scattered over the ground. He thought of all the loving care the bird had put into the building of the nest and of how discouraged it must be. Then he looked up into the tree and saw that the bird was building a new nest. That sight shook the man out of his self-pity and he refused to give in.

Whether it be from growing things as moss or from little birds, we should welcome anything which makes us realize:

This is my Father's world
And to my listening ears
All nature sings and round me rings
The music of the spheres.

Our quotation is by R. P. Downes: "Beauty is the autograph of God."

From Our Early Files

(1934)

The Department of Education decided to assess the taxes of the townships in the county, according to the number of students attending the city colleges from each individual township.

It appeared that after the County had paid the bulk sum they taxed the townships on an equal basis, regardless of the number of students attending the colleges from each township.

This was considered to have resulted in an unfairness to

the smaller municipalities who were not sending any students. Why should they pay the taxes for benefits derived by the other townships?

Therefore, some townships reaped the benefit of this new law and others were not so fortunate as they had been in the past, but it was agreed that there would be no ground for any further complaints from anyone, as the townships that paid more taxes for a large number of collegiate students would ultimately derive other certain advantages.

Over 500 members of the Muscular Lake Ratepayers Association assembled in the Masonic Hall, Toronto, for an evening of entertainment, organized by the Association's committee.

The members enjoyed Euchre, lunch and dancing to the music of Geo. Smith and his Serenaders from Cedar Beach.

Mr. T. B. Rae of Stouffville was appointed as Pickering Twp. auditor.

To be called "stainless" a steel must contain at least 11 1/2 percent chromium. The addition of a minimum of 8 percent nickel improves the resistance of stainless steels to corrosion and increases their strength and toughness.

Weekly Newspapers Convention

Theme Is "To Sell Better Now"

Weekly newspapers, facing the most crucial period of test they have ever experienced, are being revitalized by the strong competition they face. Barry Wenger, 1958 president of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association, told the annual convention at Toronto's Royal York Hotel.

Mr. Wenger, who publishes the Wingham Advance, said that despite the strong competition of other mass circulation weekly papers will not disappear.

"With the application of intelligence and imagination on the part of management, the rural weekly is still and will continue to be one medium in our land which is thoroughly digested in every detail," he said in his annual report. "And most certainly the weekly news paper is the only publication of any kind into which the character, reputation and truthfulness of the publisher is projected in a personal, neighbour-to-neighbour fashion."

Maintaining that no daily newspaper, no magazine, radio or TV station is read or listened to with the faith and credence to which the majority of customers are accustomed.

Mr. Wenger stated: "Our journals have tremendous influence on the course of history in this province — no small responsibility for an editor to face."

15,000 square feet of floor space, will accommodate 1550 for banquets and has a dramatic illuminated projection map of Canada, 47 feet long by 15 feet high on one wall and a massive coat-of-arms of Canada on the opposite wall.

The Ontario room has a large mural in oils entitled "The Toronto Purchase." Other pictures constructed of inlaid fruitwood recall provincial history.

At the annual convention dinner Friday evening with the Ontario Government as hosts, Hon. Fred M. Cass, Q.C., Minister of Highways, said that weekly newspapers are a fund of information for his department and other departments in the provincial government.

The record breaking highways program for the past five years has been fully in pace with rural road building and improvement as well as major projects like the Burlington Skyway, he said.

About 60 percent of capital expenditure is devoted to improvement and extension of regular roads apart from arteries like Highway 400, Mr. Cass explained.

Phillip LaForce of the Gibson Indian Reserve near Eala, Miss. was presented with the Country Correspondent of the Year Award. Mr. LaForce, virtually a full-blooded Iroquois Indian, won the award for his outstanding work each week in the Bracebridge Herald-Gazette.

He became correspondent when his brother, the reserve Scribe, died in 1951.

Edwin A. "Chick" Spence, publisher of the Strathroy Advance, was named "Mr. Weekly Newspaperman of the Year" at the dinner. Mr. Spence who began his career as a newsman with the London Free Press, has owned the Advance since 1935. Before that he served in nearly every type of editorial post, both as an active reporter and on the desk. He served in both World War I and World War II.

Convention delegates were guests of the Canadian Bank-

ers' Association at a wake-up breakfast Saturday. Imperial Oil Limited played host at the New Officers' Luncheon when Gregory Clark, well known Canadian feature writer, spoke.

New officers are: President, George Ellis, Goderich Signet-Star; 1st Vice-President, Eugene A. MacDonald, Alexandria-Glenary News; 2nd Vice-President, Herbert C. Campbell, Dutton Advance; Secretary, Manager, Verden Leavens, Bolton Enterprise; Past President, Barry Wenger, Wingham Advance.

The following directors were elected: Bert Smith, Port Credit Weekly; Lyn Lashbrook, Rodney Mercury; C. Manore, Meaford Express; David Dills, Acton Free Press; D. M. McQuail, Renfrew Advance; John James, Bowmanville Statesman; John Morris, Prescott Journal.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Dear Sir: In renewing my subscription to the Tribune, I am reminded of the time when I served as a correspondent to your paper over six years ago for the communities of Baker Hill and Bloomington. I lived on the farm at the time. I have always been a regular subscriber. I believe that the late W.J. Malloy was the Manager and Editor at that time and for some years later. Mr. Malloy was a very highly respected Stouffville citizen.

There have been many remarkable changes in Stouffville since that time. To the Tribune and the citizens of Stouffville, I would extend the very best wishes for 1959.

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