

Movie Camera Club

The heavy snow and picturesque icing conditions that prevailed during the latter part of February were a feature in several of the films shown at the regular meeting of the Movie Camera Club on Tuesday, March 24th. The pictures were taken in various parts of the neighbourhood and illustrated clearly the difficulties



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experienced in the Stouffville area by the drifting snow and the ice which stayed with us for a week. Family pictures taken both indoors and outdoors added interest to the winter films of Messrs. George Baker, Herb Cossey and John Mehaffey.

Mr. Dave Ratcliff, in addition to pictures of his family, exhibited some aerial views of the Island Airport, De Havilland, Toronto and the waterfront. The general whiteness of the area and the sunshine didn't rob any of these aerial views of their sharpness of detail. This was also apparent in the other films shown and the absence of washed-out over-exposed pictures was a definite proof of the benefits the Movie Club has brought to its members.

Mr. Archie Reed produced several films which included the 1957 Santa Claus Parade in Stouffville and a journey through various scenic spots in Ontario. These included views taken at Lake Simcoe, Lake Scugog, Rice Lake, The Bruce Peninsula, Georgian Bay, Bala, Sudbury and Temagami. Pictures of Ringwood corners taken before, during and after completion of the change in Hwy. 48, rounded out a full evening of movie displays.

Our hostesses for the evening were Mrs. A. Reid and Mrs. T. Alda. As usual, the abundance and variety of the food was designed to appeal to both epicurean and fastidious tastes, as well as to test the masticating ability of the more robust members.

Puppy love is wonderful if it doesn't lead to one of the parties leading a dog's life.

HALF-PAST TEEN



92 Entries in Ontario County Seed and Hay Show

The Ontario County Seed Fair was held in the Town Hall, Beaverton, on Tuesday, March 24th. This was a popular event with around 150 farmers in attendance. The Seed Fair brought out a large exhibit of high quality seed and hay. Forty-three exhibitors showed a total of 92 entries. A number of entries were selected and will be sent to the Central Ontario Spring Show, Peterborough, April 7th, 8th and 9th.

Mr. Ken Fallis, Field Crops Branch, Toronto, and Mr. Frank Plibersek, Plant Products Division, Dept. of Agriculture, Toronto, were the official judges on the grain and small seed classes. Mr. Joe Lanthier, Unionville, was the official judge on the hay classes. The Championship Awards in the various classes are as follows:

- 1—Grand Champion Award, donated by Milton Parkin for winning the highest points in wheat, oats, barley and corn classes.
- 1—Russel Morrison, Beaverton; Heber Down, Brooklin.
- 2—Fall Wheat—Heber Down, Brooklin.

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It is all very well to say that appearances do not matter. But as the Peterborough Examiner pertinently asks, have you ever had a bottle of medicine break in your pocket?

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

SAMUEL AS JUDGE
1 Samuel 8:19-21; 7;
(Lesson for April 5)

GOLDEN TEXT — God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way. — 1 Samuel 12:23.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson
In hours of crisis God always has His man. In a critical hour of Israel's history Samuel was that man. The nation had sunk to a desperately low moral and spiritual level. A reformation was sorely needed. The Hebrew priesthood was corrupt; Eli's sons, guilty of irreverence, selfishness, and immorality, had been slain (1 Sam. 2:12-17, 22; 4:11). The Philistines had routed Israel, slaughtered thousands of her infantry, and captured the sacred ark of the covenant (1 Sam. 4:17). The Hebrews were a beaten and discouraged people.

Morevoer, idolatry and vice abounded. Many worshiped Baal (chief male deity of the Canaanites and Phoenicians) and Asherah (their female deity). Lewd and lascivious rites accompanied this worship. Nothing but a divine intervention could rescue the people from their sorry political and moral plight.

But God in grace intervened. The second major reformation described in the Old Testament is the theme of our lesson. (For the first revival see the record of Jacob's cleansing of his household and return to Bethel — Gen. 35:1-4). Samuel is the hero of the story. He was the instrument in the hands of the Lord to usher in a reformation. The last of the judges and the first of the great Old Testament prophets (after Moses), he also acted as priest-mediator between a sinning people and their God. His prayers, persistence, persuasiveness, and sheer spiritual power rallied the disorganized nation and brought it back to God.

This lesson is of great value. It reveals Israel's need of revival, the conditions of revival, and the consequences of revival. The twentieth century may well admire Samuel, sit at his feet, learn how he led in the reformation of an erring people, and pray that such a mighty revival might sweep across the world today.

Verse by Verse
1 Sam. 7:5 — "Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpeh. I will pray for you unto the Lord." This was the culmination of twenty years of preparatory work on Samuel's part. Mizpeh is an elevated spot about 3,000 feet high, some five miles northwest of Jerusalem.

Verse 6 — "They gathered to Mizpeh. . . . drew water, poured it out before the Lord, and fasted. . . . and said, We have sinned against the Lord. . . . Samuel judged. . . . Israel in Mizpeh." Note the people's obedience (they followed Samuel's directions) and their spiritual reformation (their penitence symbolized by the out-poured water, their fasting and confession of sin). Samuel established his judicial headquarters on Mizpeh, a central, commanding eminence.

Verse 7 — "When the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together. . . . the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. . . . the children of Israel. . . . were afraid of the Philistines." The enemies of Israel thought that a revolt was about to be launched. Determined to crush it, they marched to the attack. They were content to succeed for had they not previously defeated Israel? (1 Sam. 4:2). The Hebrews were terror-stricken at the advance of their hated foe.

Verse 8 — ". . . Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the Lord our God for us, that he will save us." Israel had confidence not only in Samuel's moral leadership but also in his spiritual power. Samuel's efficacy in prayer is seen in 1 Samuel 9:6; Psalm 99:6; Jeremiah 15:1.

Verse 9 — "Samuel took a sucking lamb. . . . for a burnt offering. . . . unto the Lord: and . . . cried unto the Lord for Israel. . . . The Lord heard him." Samuel, prophet and judge, here acts as priest, sacrificing and interceding on behalf of the people. Remember that in those days Israel had no national temple. God honored His prophet's plea. (James 5:16).

Verse 10 — "As Samuel was offering. . . . the Philistines drew near to battle. . . . but the Lord thundered. . . . that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten. . . . Sacrifice and attack coincided! What a way to meet an assault: not in battle array, but before the altar! God

50% Grants Slated For Rural Parks

The Ontario government has announced it plans to make 50 percent contributions to municipalities for the establishment of parks in rural areas. The new policy was disclosed in the legislature during an outline of the province's parks program by Labor Minister Daley, chairman of the Ontario Parks Integration Board, and James Auld (P.C. — Leeds), vice-chairman of the Ontario-St. Lawrence Development Commission. The government has set aside \$500,000 for distribution. Lands Minister Spooner said in an interview the government will pay half the cost of acquiring land and development but municipalities will be responsible for maintenance. The parks, to be established either inside or outside municipal boundaries, would have to be approved by the Lands and Forests Department, the parks integration board and the cabinet. Regulations were being drawn up. Mr. Daley said an inventory of all parks in Ontario has been completed and a plan for park development across the entire province is being drawn up.

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MORAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY

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TREE PLANTING

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The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority will continue its policy this year of providing assistance for tree planting on private lands. The terms of this assistance are as follows:

- (1) Will provide men and machines on request, for tree planting at a cost to the landowner of \$5.00 per thousand trees.
- (2) Will pay a subsidy of \$10.00 per thousand to the landowner when he plants the trees himself.
- (3) Assistance will be given for not less than 2,000 and not more than 30,000 trees planted in any one year.
- (4) The subsidy or assistance on Scotch Pine is limited to one Scotch Pine to ten of all other species planted.
- (5) Trees must be obtained by the landowner. The Authority does not supply them.

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EGG PRODUCERS OF ONTARIO COUNTY MEETING!

APRIL 2nd
Legion Hall, Uxbridge

To discuss type of plan and action to be taken to unite egg producers in order to solve problems facing the industry. An organization with sufficient funds should be established or assistance given the already existing ones to promote the sale of quality eggs. This should be done at all levels from producer to consumer. If you have a small flock or a large one you can help the association and it will in turn help you.

JOHN GILL, Chairman.