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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

We Don't Want It - You Can Have It

The narrow-minded attitude taken by our southern urban neighbors or Thornhill in Markham Township and Dunbarton in Pickering Township with regard to the proposed route of the new C.N.R. bypass has caused some ill feeling among the more rural residents of the two municipalities. The complainants have wasted few words in stating that a more northerly alternate route should be improvised.

One would tend to conclude that it would be perfectly all right for the rail line to cut near or through John Brown's farm but such a scheme is strictly taboo if it ventures close to Jim Smith's building lot or bungalow.

At a recent meeting of Markham Township ratepayers, it was agreed that an "alternate" route should be considered by the C.N.R. This suggestion has been supported by Coun-

cil. We would state that if such an "alternate" line could be constructed in mid-air or underground, it would be an excellent suggestion. Since this cannot be the case, the bypass must naturally "trespass" on or near someone's private property. It would be ridiculous to think that any "alternate" route would not be met with an equal amount of resistance.

In Pickering Township, Reeve Sherman Scott has stated bluntly that he would favor the cancellation of plans for the proposed line, but does not favor an alternate route to replace the present scheme. Councillor Edgar James has echoed the reeve's feelings on the issue. Their views on the matter brought disgruntled mutterings from a Dunbarton delegation which was in attendance at a recent meeting. It may just be another instance where the squeaking wheel will get the grease.

Provincial Election In The Offing

While Premier Frost continues to maintain an uncommunicative silence on the question of an election, it is generally accepted that the present government will go to the people this summer. The government has taken a solicitous attitude in some departments which is indicative of an election and a move to curry public favor.

Liberals believe that when the election does come, the Conservative government will plan a campaign based on the premier's personality and popularity, and his appeal. The Conservatives are evidently ready to trust in the premier's reputation and their past performances, to return them to power.

The Liberals, while having been practically defunct in Ontario for some years, are showing signs of rejuvenation, and their recent conven-

tion was oozing with confidence. They have been able to persuade a number of younger men to come forward as candidates.

CCF leader Donald MacDonald noted recently in an address, a quickening of political interest across the province, but not with special application to his party. His one-man performance in the sessions just ended succeeded in angering the usually placid premier, but did gain some support from those who believe the government has been in power too long.

It would seem then that the scene is set for a provincial election of more interest than the last couple have had. In this atmosphere the premier will be forced to act soon or leave himself open to the suggestion that he isn't anxious to test the strength of his famed personality.

Will It Be Too Late?

At least one member of the engineering staff of the Ontario Department of Highways placed a recommendation before the Department that a stop light was necessary at the new Ringwood corner. To date no action has been taken.

What residents are wondering is whether or not the Highway Dept. will wait until there has been a fatality at this bad corner before installing the light. Already traffic is piling

up at this corner on weekends, and by summer time it will be a real ticklish problem for the traffic from Highway 47 to converge with the traffic from 48.

This is the junction of two heavily-travelled provincial highways, one now having a through run north and south. Unless a light is installed at this intersection, accidents are a certainty and fatalities, a strong possibility.

Stuffed Birds

A generation or so ago it was a common sight to see a stuffed owl or some other bird sitting in a prominent place in the parlor. In those days such ornaments were quite popular.

Stuffed owls would be sitting with a bland expression on their faces. There would also be bright plumaged birds and animals such as gray squirrels. And, of course, there would be the antlers of deer and moose. These would be found not only in private homes but in lobbies of hotels, etc.

The stuffing of these birds and

animals was quite an art and the man who could do it would be kept busy. They were amazingly life-like and often attractive. But they tended to become somewhat moth-eaten and usually great dust-catchers. The same applied to rugs made of skins of calves, colts or wild animals.

Nowadays such stuffing is limited to trophies of sportsmen who wish to retain visible proof of their prowess as a huntsman or fisherman. In the earlier days stuffed animals and birds were regarded as ornaments rather than as evidence of the conceit of man.

Income Tax Hike Starts July 1

Higher income taxes will fall on every taxpayer individual and company this year. For the individual, the increases will start July 1. For the company, they started Jan. 1. Finance Minister Fleming announced Thursday night in his budget speech that the old age security tax, which is applied on personal and corporate income and commodity sales, will be increased to three from two percent. The increase applies to personal income July 1, to corporate income Jan. 1 and to commodity sales immediately. On personal income, the increase is a maximum of \$30 a year—to \$90 from \$60. Upper Level is Boosted—On top of this, Mr. Fleming boosted personal income taxes two percentage points for all taxpayers with taxable income of more than \$3,000 a year—that is, taxpayers who earn more than \$4,000 a year. This increase will fall on 800,000 of Canada's 4,6,000,000 taxpayers. Corporations making more than \$25,000 a year will pay 47 percent of the present 45 percent on the amount over \$25,000 for regular income tax effective Jan. 1. The rate on the first \$25,000 remains at 18 percent. The combined regular and old age security taxes will be 21 percent on firms earning less than \$25,000, and 50 percent on firms earning more than this amount. In the current fiscal year, Mr. Fleming plans to raise an additional \$345,000,000 in taxes. Of this, \$82,000,000 will come from increased sales tax, \$69,000,000 from increased personal income tax, \$52,000,000 from higher corporation tax and \$42,000,000 from increased excise taxes. In a full fiscal year, the additional revenue will amount to \$352,000,000 in this order: \$129,000,000 from personal income tax, \$93,000,000 from sales tax, \$84,000,000 from corporation tax and \$46,000,000 from excise tax. Moderate Increase—Mr. Fleming described the personal income tax increases as "moderate." For instance, he said, a married man with two children of family allowance age making \$4,000 a year will pay \$298 tax including personal and old age security tax—compared to \$194 in 1958. A married man with two children of family allowance age and earning \$200,000 a year will pay tax of \$125,286 compared to \$121,308 in 1958. Mr. Fleming also made a major change in exemptions. Taxpayers will not be entitled to deduct for income tax purposes medical expenses paid under the federal-provincial hospital insurance plan. In lots of families, mother picks up where the kids leave off.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I hate being watched when I'm moulting!"



The Eternal Question

Many years ago when a young minister, I went to see a very sick man in a remote Newfoundland settlement. It was more than fifty miles from the nearest railway which ran only occasionally. The people were kindly and hospitable but, through no fault of their own, extremely limited in educational advantages.

The poor man was suffering from some disease I did not understand, and was in constant pain. He suffered so much that his face was actually twisted out of shape. In his distress of mind and body he had often wondered if there was a God of mercy and infinite love. These misgivings he had passed on to the neighbours and so the word got around that he was a doubter—later some said he was an atheist. This stigma deeply hurt him and his devoted wife.

Doubt about the goodness and even the existence of God is a very reasonable thing. Some of the finest and most sincere people who have ever lived have been assailed by doubts. Confronted with bitter experiences and deep disappointment, they were staggered and bewildered.

This is the theme of the Book of Job. As cruel misfortunes fell upon him, he began to wonder whether there was any scheme in the world and openly voiced his concern. He was for a time a sceptic—a reverent sceptic—but still a sceptic. There have been millions like him. If I may turn aside for a minute, I should like to say that I have known scores of high-minded sceptical men and women whose downright sincerity has deeply moved me.

The friends of Job were little help to him; many of their answers were smug and complacent. They even implied that his misfortunes were divine punishment. The picture is dramatic and almost cruel in its realism. Surely nothing in the world hurts the cause of true religion more than the smug and silly answers some make to men wrestling with doubt. The best thing that can be said of these men is that when they saw how great was the affliction of Job: "they sat upon the ground seven days and seven nights and spake not a word with Him, for they saw that his grief was very great."

I have buried a good many babes and little children during my ministry and nothing has exasperated me more than to hear neighbours say to the bereaved: "You loved this child too much, so God, because jealous, took it away." Could anything be more callous or cruel?

Then some years ago a man and his wife, visiting Niagara Falls one Sunday afternoon in winter, were standing on a piece of ice when it snapped and drifted down the gorge to destruction. Several people wrote to the local newspapers pointing out that these people were pleasure-seeking on the Sabbath day and invoked divine displeasure.

It is hard to believe that in this day and age man can have such conceptions of the God that Jesus revealed; infinitely tender and loving. The problem of suffering is as old as humanity. I revere and respect my brethren in the ministry; most of them are sincere and intelligent men, but when I hear a man saying: "Believe in Christ and everything will be perfectly clear, all mysteries will be solved," I feel he doesn't know what he is talking about. Jesus never professed to solve all mysteries, all He did was to put a key into the hands of His followers to open and understand the love of God and to know that in spite of all suffering, God is gracious. He creates a mind and disposition of heart which makes it possible for us to accept the will of God with deepest faith in His wisdom and goodness.

Cardinal Newman's beautiful hymn suggests a Christian frame of mind; one of faith and trust.

"I do not ask to see the distant scene,
One step enough for me."

Our quotation today is a saying of Jesus:
"He that followeth me, shall not walk in darkness but shall have the light of life."

Marshall McMurchy Heads York County Civil Defence

Warden William Hodgson has announced the appointment of Marshall McMurchy, Aurora, as civil defence co-ordinator for York County. The position has been made vacant by the resignation of John Perry, reeve of Vaughan Township. Mr. Perry said that a full-time co-ordinator is required and asked that a re-appointment be made.

Mr. McMurchy was reeve of Vaughan from 1952 to 1956, and warden of York county in 1956. Last June, the McMurchys moved to Aurora, where they live at 40 Victoria St. They have five children.

"Civil defence is something that must go ahead," Mr. McMurchy told the Banner Wednesday, "and my first job is to inform myself about it." He said that he will be attending the Arnprior Civil Defence College for a course in May.

Some months ago, Reeve Perry asked York county municipalities to appoint co-ordinators for their own jurisdictions. To date, seven of the 14 municipalities have done so.

For Parents Only -

Resolutions for Parents of Teenagers

by Nancy Cleaver

That witty writer, mother of two girls, Betty MacDonald in "Onions in the Stew", confesses that she doesn't know the answer to adolescence. Her one piece of advice is to hang onto your sanity and pray. From her own experience she states: "Adolescents do not hate their parents. They merely feel absolute contempt, occasionally coated with condescending pity for them."

This seems a rather sweeping verdict although it agrees with the comment of a speaker who remembered, "When I was in my teens I came to the conclusion that I must be adopted. I considered myself so clever and both my parents so stupid, that it just seemed impossible to me that I should have been born into my family!"

Teen-agers no longer accept their parents as they are, and consider them "just right" in the way a small child does. No, in every home wherever there is a high school son or daughter, there are "points of conflict" or places where ideas and ideals of the two generations clash. Parents who have spent years telling their children what to do, suddenly waken to the not too pleasant truth that children have very definite ideas of the ways which fathers and mothers should act. Directly, or indirectly, they tell their parents of their standards for them.

A few years ago a 16-year-old American youth presented a "Decalogue for Parents" to a youth congress to 250 delegates representing 176,000 adolescent school students. They approved it and these Ten Suggestions are worthy of careful reading. Here are pointers of interest for any thoughtful father or mother.

Cultivate the friendship of your child; take him into your confidence; be his buddy, not his policeman. Remember you were a child yourself. Show your child the right way by example. Make him proud to be your offspring.

Make it your business to know the whereabouts of your child at all times, but don't allow him to feel "haunted". If a child errs, it is chiefly because he has never been shown the right way; hence, don't punish him to excess, but show him where he has faltered. Show him the right way with kindness.

Disciplinary action should not be shifted from one parent to the other as exemplified by the commonly heard phrase, "Just wait till your father comes home." Threats of this nature soon become so weak they go unheeded.

Don't give your child the impression that he is a nuisance when adults are present. Make him feel that he is a vital member of his family unit and that you are counting on him to ful-

fill his obligations as such. It is the duty of every father to explain to his teen age boy facts of life, and his debt to society as a man. If the father is unable to cope with this task, the family doctor should be consulted, so that the two can sit down together, "behind closed doors" and have a man-to-man chat.

It is likewise the duty of every mother to explain to her adolescent daughter the fundamental truths about life. Impressing upon her the right and wrong choices.

Keep the doors of your home open to your child's friends. If his home life is wholesome and enjoyable, he will not seek the haven of pool rooms.

Encourage church attendance. Here he will find many attractions awaiting him, such as clubs, parties—and at the same time he will acquire a code of morals and ethics which are extremely vital in regard to his present and future relations with people.

Instill within your child a love for his country. See that his energies are utilized in Red Cross work and other patriotic movements of high calibre. A busy child has not time for immoral practices.

This may all seem very idealistic, but are there not many practical ideas and ideals here, which would make our homes happier places for our teenagers?

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Ethical A. B. Cs — GRANDDAD SAYS

Like a rose in a bowl
Sending out its perfume,
Where'er it is placed,
Be it cellar or room,
Showing its virtue
In beauty and grace,
Just doing its duty
Wherever its place,
With its radiant beauty
To waken and cheer,
Its presence is sensed
By all who come near
O that I could live
Like a rose on a vine,
And through cloud and sunshine
Show forth the Divine.
No struggling or straining —
Just doing my best
To be a good neighbour,
Whatever be the test.
As I steer my barque
On the river of life,
Through pitfalls and dangers,
Through trouble and strife,
May I, like a rose,
To humanity show
Some virtue, still shining
Though silent and low
And accept as my lot
Whatever annoys,
And sense the Divine
In my sorrows and joys,
For how wondrous to see
A man tall like a tree,
Stand stalwart in the beauty
Of integrity!

—M.T.D.

EDITOR'S MAIL

April 8, 1959

Dear Sirs,
After reading last week's front page article about the basement flooding on Fairview Ave., I must point out to the Tribune that they have heard only one side of the story. I take particular offence to the statement "in some cases council members were more willing to help out residents than the residents themselves."

We only received help from the township after making repeated phone calls to everyone remotely connected. Finally, a power shovel was sent, which cleared one half of the road's ditches, then left. Incidentally, if someone had used the necessary foresight, and had the culverts cleared a week previously, (no, they were not too frozen), flooding would have been negligible, as the water would have been able to flow freely away. I suggest the people responsible learn from this, and take measures to control similar occurrences next Spring. After all, it is not easy to be "reasonable and understanding" when you have two feet of water in the basement, coming back in as fast as it is pumped out, and garbage cans, toys, etc., floating around!

Sincerely,

Erik and Shirley Hansen

Canadian scientists at McGill University and elsewhere are experimenting with the effect of hormones in cancer growth. Some researchers believe that an "imbalance" of the endocrine (ductless gland) system may have some bearing on the growth of malignant cells.

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