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## OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

### The Same Old Story About The Same Old School

The old Bloomington Public School will get its new one-room addition. From the stories that came out of Thursday evening's meeting, it would appear that the final ratepayers' approval has come none too soon. Only seventeen ballots were cast out of a possible total of 132. Although the vote was unanimous, it is hardly a true picture of the feeling throughout the entire section. Those who stayed away will no doubt discuss the matter thoroughly over the back fence and into the party-line telephone.

Not being present at previous meetings conducted in the school, we have not heard the reasons that were voiced in objection to the project. No doubt they were many and varied and perhaps some were well founded. From what we observed on a visit to the sixty-year old structure last week, the conditions for both the teachers and the students were the worst in a radius of many miles.

It is time that rural ratepayers started taking a more broad-minded view of their back-woods educational

facilities. At best, the Bloomington school is nothing more than a modern-day firetrap. It is little wonder that the trustees have had difficulty in obtaining qualified teachers. The lighting in the north room is totally inadequate. The washrooms should have been condemned by health authorities. Blackboard space is cramped and poorly lighted. Fifty-eight pupils are "herded" daily into two small rooms, separated by a floor to ceiling partition. In these days, when an education is a "must" if boys and girls are to develop into mature citizens of tomorrow, we find ratepayers who are willing to sacrifice such a priceless possession rather than absorb a mill rate increase on their tax bills.

"It was plenty good enough for me and it's good enough for them." That's a well-worn slogan that has been repeated many times at district ratepayers' meetings. Times have changed, however, in the past quarter century. A solid public school education is now considered only a stepping stone along the path toward an enterprising career or profession.

### Our Arena Is Envied By Other Townsfolk

The Stouffville Arena has been the centre of many an envious glance cast by residents in comparable towns throughout the district. Since its erection, some nine years ago, the local winter sports palace has continued to prosper and this summer the final mortgage debt was completely wiped out. While other community-owned arenas continue yearly to wallow deep in the red ink, the Stouffville rink has shown a good annual profit. In addition, the town gains over \$700 per year taxes from the centre.

When plans for a new arena here were first proposed, a decade ago, there were those who cast a pessimistic eye on the sanity of such a multi-thousand-dollar proposal. Since its erection, many similar rinks have been built in Metro-Toronto and surrounding areas but the influx of artificial ice has had little or no effect on Stouffville's busy winter schedule. Last year, ice rentals alone netted the rink a total of \$13,406.35. Man-

ager W. T. Rennie informed the Tribune this week, that current requests for ice time next winter suggest another excellent season is in the offing.

In order to give credit where credit is due, we feel that Manager Rennie should take a bow. He is the man who books ice time for visiting clubs and arranges the weekly schedules for home town teams. At times he has been severely criticized for his tight-fisted money-on-the-line policies. Like any other business the arena must show a profit at the end of the fiscal year.

We all should be proud of our arena. Its interior is as immaculate today as it was when completed nine years ago. Both adults and children alike have enjoyed many hours of fun-filled recreation within its doors. From its ice lanes have come champions, finalists and semi-finalists. All this, and more must be attributed to the foresight of a few staunch citizens — a gamble that paid off.

### Knowledge or Ignorance

We, the common ordinary public are supposedly a race of experts. At a fire, we are all qualified firemen. At an accident, we are all graduate physicians. At a collision, we are all experienced police officers. If the case history of each individual is known it would no doubt be learned that the majority of us are rank amateurs at best.

On Sunday afternoon at Shadow Lake, north of Stouffville, an eight-

year old lad was a drowning victim. It was rather pathetic to learn that the boy's chance of survival might have been greater if public interference had not interrupted the administration of artificial respiration when the youth was first brought ashore. It was just another case where the know-it-all public turns out to be professional know-nothings. In this instance, it may have cost a boy his life.

### That Bull Can Kill

"Safety Makes Sense" is a slogan for Farm Safety Week, which is being observed from July 19-25, with the object of reducing the toll of farm accidents in Canada — an estimated 1200 dead each year, and 100,000 injured. One elementary bit of safety sense, which is often overlooked, is that powerful animals should be handled with caution at all times.

An angry bull or a frightened horse can snuff out a man's life in seconds if handled carelessly, or incompetently. Even smaller farm animals can inflict serious injuries.

Of fatal accidents that occur on farmlands and around service buildings, one in twenty is caused by animals. Two obvious ways to reduce the danger are: check and repair all livestock equipment, and keep children away from animals at all times.

### Wild Carrot

Although wild carrot (Daucus Carota) may be a thing of beauty to city people, to the farmers of Ontario it is a real problem, states the Field Crops Branch, Ontario Dept. of Agriculture. In Ontario its spread has been alarming, and where only a few plants show up in any year, very soon we find that this serious pest has taken over and can be found in abundance. In the early stages, wild carrot resembles the garden carrot, but as it grows, none of the uses or virtues of this plant

persist. During the latter part of May and early June it can be found close to the ground cluster measures up to four inches and, being white, is a thing of beauty. At a later date it folds up and resembles a bird's nest. The seeds are spread by wind, water, and drifting snow. It can generally be found on rough land or unworked fields and in older hay meadows and fence rows. It thrives on roadsides, and from these locations spreads to adjoining fields. It is rarely seen in cultivated land. Cutting is not the best method of control, as new flowers will be produced on very short stalks.

Spraying with 2,4-D, using from 12 to 16 ounces of acid per acre, will give control in most areas. But some plants resistant to this treatment are readily controlled by the same rates of brushkiller. Enough material should be used to penetrate to the young leaves hidden by the grass. After a first application in early June, a second spray can also be used early in September, when the young plants can be found at ground level. In this way the following year's crop of carrot can be destroyed. If we can keep wild carrot from setting seed, we can control this serious pest.



## Waiting for the Parade

Here is a section of the Stouffville's Main Street in August, 1927. Note the old Diamond Jubilee parade along the wooden bell tower on the fire-hall, and the late Ben Doten's Barber Shop which was in existence at that time. The former home of the late Irwin Gray on the present Bank of Nova Scotia site is also to the right.



### THE SOCIAL BLUSH

Dr. Zane Batten, a well-known clergyman of a generation ago, said there are two kinds of blushes of which people are capable; personal and social. If a man upsets a bowl of soup over a lady's dress, he is ashamed of his awkwardness and blushes furiously. That blush is personal. The culprit humbly apologizes.

On the other hand, if a man lives in a city which has a bad reputation, say, a high criminal record, he is more or less self-conscious about it. He feels that, in some vague way, he is responsible for the city's condition. This is a social blush and it is a healthy sign.

To what extent are we responsible for the moral health of the community in which we live? The Apostle Paul said: "We do not live unto ourselves." Our lives are interwoven and interlocked with other lives. They influence us and we influence them. Even if we wanted to do it, we cannot disclaim responsibility.

If someone does a praiseworthy thing, all his neighbours feel that, in some degree, the glory falls on them. They say proudly: "He's from my home town." Even though they didn't take much notice of him when he was there, they are keen to make up for it. Everybody wants to get on the band wagon.

In the first book of the Bible there is the sordid story of Cain and Abel. And Cain's question: "Am I my brother's keeper?" has been re-echoed by millions since his day. The answer is yes, each one is his brother's keeper. We have no more right to ignore him than the Priest and the Levite had, to pass by the wounded man in the Parable of the Good Samaritan.

If it were known that a man saw his neighbour's house on fire and ignored it because he didn't start it, everybody would condemn him for his selfish indifference and his own conscience would make life a hell for him. There is such a thing as the sin of omission.

Dr. Frank Boreham says that all the villains in Christ's parables were people who did nothing when they should have done something. They were people who side-stepped responsibility by saying they preferred to mind their own business. Think of these: The Rich man and Lazarus; the servant who buried his talent in the earth; the Priest and the Levite. In a typical story a villain is a man who does what he ought not to do; in the parables of Jesus a villain is one who leaves undone what he ought to have done.

There is a deeper sense of responsibility today than at any previous time. Fewer people believe that religion is entirely made up of singing hymns, making prayers and preaching or listening to sermons. Practically all the service clubs and fraternal organizations have worthwhile projects which call for sacrifice and generosity. It is all to the good whether it is helping a widow and her children or cleaning up a neglected cemetery. They supplement in a fine way the work of the Christian Church. They confirm that Old Testament saying: "There is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

Every man belongs to every other man, and there can be no such thing as spiritual isolation. If ever a church or a group of churches, thought only of themselves, their death-knell would be sounded. As Wendell Phillips said, we please God, not by selfish endeavours but by "forgetting ourselves into immortality."

Our quotation today is by Joseph Parker: "If there is a wrong to be righted, then silence is blasphemy."

## For Parents Only — How a Father Helps His Children

by Nancy Cleaver

Is there anything a small boy appreciates more than his father taking time to do things with him? Giving him playthings or money or paying for a treat at the movies—none of these are substitutes for a father-and-son adventure. With his dad as a companion, a boy gets a glimpse of a man's world which is so fascinating — and which he must enter some day.

Small boys cannot keep up with grown men, but a father can moderate his pace so that his son won't be completely out of breath. It means so much to a boy for his dad to include him in his leisure time plans once in a while: How can they get to know each other if they are not alone occasionally? When a boy reaches adolescence he will be "off with the gang." Father will not have the same chance then to spend time with him.

A group of small boys were bragging about their fathers. Tom boasted his Dad had a brand new car—and he got a new one every year. Jimmie claimed his father worked hard and made more money than the other fathers. Bill said his Dad won first place in the golf tournament at his club the week before. But Bob silenced them all when he said, "My Dad can catch fish—and sometimes he asks me to come."

A father plays a very important part in a daughter's development. His words of praise about her appearance in a new dress gives her confidence in her feminine appeal.

When she is upset over a quarrel with a little chum or if she is not getting along well at school, father can usually help her by just listening to her tale of woe. He is likely able to be more objective than a mother and he can encourage her to see that there are two sides to every story: A happy solution can usually be worked out for most childhood problems. It is good for children, as they grow older, to know something about the way their father earns a living. If they have no opportunity to learn about his work, they are apt to take him very much for granted.

A father can often influence his children in their attitude not only to his own job but to all work. If Mother's task is home-making and Dad earns the money, he sees more of the outside world than his wife. For that reason he can frequently be more helpful to a son or daughter in the choice of their own life work—providing father realizes that this is a decision a young person must make for himself or herself!

Children need both parents. If they lose a father by death or divorce they are apt to be bitter. But it is quite possible for them to lose touch with a father if he is too preoccupied with making money or if he is away from home a great deal of the time.

Recently we visited a Home for Boys and we longed so for happier days ahead for these youngsters, all of them from broken homes. One particularly sullen and hostile lad had been in over a dozen foster homes. None of them had known the affection and stability that should be every child's birthright.

The children who are unadjusted and unhappy frequently come from homes where father and mother have not given them understanding and guidance. The mother has the major responsibility for the children's upbringing, but the father provides necessary balance. In a family where parents work and plan and play together with the

### WORDS — THOUGHTS

I'D STAY AND TALK MRS. SPOONER—BUT I'M IN A BIG HURRY THIS MORNING



BUT LET'S FACE IT...

SO I'LL HAVE TIME TO TALK WITH THAT YOUNG GUY ROLL DOWN THE STREET



## Sunday School Lesson

COURAGE IN CRISIS

Esther

(Lesson for July 26)

**GOLDEN TEXT** — Who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this? — Esther 4:14.

**THE LESSON AS A WHOLE** Approach to the Lesson

The dramatic tale of Esther's self-effacing courage, which resulted in the preservation of the Hebrew race, occurred during the reign of Xerxes (Greek form of his name; "Ahasuerus" is the Persian form), monarch of Persia who reigned from 486-465 B.C.

The Jews were spending seventy years in captivity. Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, had transported them to his empire years before (598-587 B.C.). Babylon in turn had been overthrown by Persia, in fulfillment of Daniel 2:39; 8:7. King Xerxes was known for his sensuality and cruelty.

The Jews were in a double predicament. They were far from their homeland. But they were also threatened with extermination because of the insane jealousy of Haman, favorite of the king.

Verse 2—"And came even before the king's gate; for none might enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth." He approached the open area leading to the royal palace. There he stopped. Oriental despots, in their desire for pleasure, often excluded from their presence anything that suggested sorrow or pain. Mordecai's sackcloth, a symbol of distress, automatically branded him as "undesirable."

## How one Farmer Speeds Ensiling

A Haldimand County farmer and a silo salesman have put together a forage unloader that can toss out 4 tons of chopped grass in 12 minutes. And they did it for less than \$2,000.

It's a stationary unloader that is filled from big drive-in dump trucks. A forage wagon chops grass from windrows in the field and blows it into two 4-ton capacity trucks. The trucks back into the platform of the stationary unloader and dump their load. Slats on the floor of the unloader then carry the grass into the twin beaters at the front of the machine. From the beaters the grass is conveyed by belt to a blower which tosses it into a big, 24 x 60 foot silo.

"We took a regular self-unloading forage wagon, widened it to 12 feet, pulled off the rear wheels and put a heavy platform in the floor. Five I-beams run the full length of the platform and make it strong enough to support a loaded truck," explains Cayuga steer feeder, L. B. Mehlenbacher.

"The \$2,000 save me over \$10,000 in forage wagons (4 of them)," he adds. "My trucks are two weeks on the grass silage, and then they haul sand the rest of the year—so there's no money tied up there."

"Saves me quite a bit of \$1.25 labor, too. One man can stay at the silo and look after two tractors, the unloader and the blower. And about the only trouble we've run into is a bit of bunching between the reels and the blower. We fixed that by putting in a shallower dividing board," says Mehlenbacher.

Comments Halton County Agricultural Representative, Gordon Skinner: "Bruce (Mehlenbacher) isn't going out on the limb and recommending it to every farmer, but to those who are thinking about putting up lots of silage fast, it's worth their number. And judging by the number of farmers I've brought out to see his setup, there is a lot of interest."

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The story is one of great suspense. The Jews are exposed to the degraded courtier and the fickle carelessness of a king who had little regard for human life. But this is more than the intrepid heroism of a Jewish queen, the dedication of her Hebrew compatriots, and the preserving, overruling hand of God.

Verse 41—"When Mordecai perceived all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes... cried with a loud and a bitter cry." Haman's dastardly decree was the reason for Mordecai's anguish. "Sackcloth" was "rain cloth." Note (1) the depths of the man's sorrow; tearing one's clothes, using sackcloth, and pouring on, or sitting or lying in ashes—all were signs of poignant grief; (2) the publicity of his sorrow; he went where the crowds were and openly wailed before God. His purpose partially was to get Esther's attention.

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## Vacation Notice

Our plant will be closed for summer vacation

MONDAY, AUGUST 3rd  
TO  
MONDAY, AUGUST 10th

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## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Yes, sir—that baby in green" made an awful job of toothpicks."