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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

One of The Pains of Growing Up

Last week, a one year old Markham Twp. girl died en route to the Scarboro General Hospital. In spite of emergency treatment by a doctor and police, the child was pronounced dead on admittance. Dr. Jas. Scott told the Tribune that the baby's life . might possibly have been saved if a hospital had been located in the immediate Markham area. He pointed out that a twenty-minute trip to Scarboro is often twenty minutes too long. He noted further, that accommodation is very limited in all Toronto and district hospitals. He suggested that 20,000 people could be served by a hospital in this area.

The very thought of such a project casts a spell of uncertainty over municipalities and private citizens.

A Town Band, Gone

Everybody loves a band. There's not a human pulse that does not quicken to the beat of a big bass drum or respond to the lively step of a gold-braided majorette. They are appreciated at sports events, open-air church services or at a pre-Christmas program on a busy Main Street corner. Take a band out of any parade and the procession is immediately transformed into a march of wooden soldiers. It adds life, color and enthusiasm to any promotion. Without it, all is dead.

A few years ago, almost every town and village pointed with pride to its brass band. A large majority of its members comprised high school students. One could always find a handful of veteran artists who were willing to lend their talents to the group. Some communities became known across the province and even across the dominion for their instrumental accomplishments. The town of Georgetown is an excellent exam-

During the past decade, there has been a sharp decline in band organizations. The once - flourishing symbols, blaring horns and rolling drums have weakened and died. Once gone, it is most difficult to bring it back. We now find is necessary to retrieve such talent from Toronto. Should this be? We don't think so.

For many years now, the Mark-

for the Drones More Encouragement ink, labor, have gone up each year.

Stouffville employees are among the millions across Canada who recently had a new dent made in their income as unemployment premiums were increased, in fact nearly doubled in the higher brackets.

This raise in premiums following more than a dozen years, of high employment seems out of line. Why? Because is encourages too many to work only enough to qualify for the dole. Certain trades have priced their services at ridiculous figures and worry little for the off season when they collect the insurance handout, made up to a considerable degree by contributions from persons who have never and are not likely to ever collect a dime from the fund.

In our printing trade very few of the workers collect as our men are employed on the year round basis and if sickness strikes they are covered by our own health plan.

We, as a small business, are highly criticized if we raise our rates. Some folks in our business have not raised their rates in years but paper,

An Unauthorized

A factory in the town of Aurora is using a lot in the township of Whitchurch for an unauthorized open disposal plant. According to members of council, raw sewage is being transported in tank trucks from a tannery in Aurora to a piece of property on concession 2, Whitchurch. The waste is dissolved in a strong solution of sulphuric acid and dumped either on top of the ground or into an open excavation. The Tribune viewed the site last week.

To describe the situation in few words, we would say that it constitutes a menace to the life and limb of every child in the area. One accident around the edge of this "acid pot" would mean instant death. Even

Hospitals are built only after weeks, months and sometimes years of fundraising campaigns. Further financial donations are needed to keep them operating on a financially sound basis. With such thoughts in mind, resi-

dents are loathe to promote such a

project. Hospitals are of little concern for the healthy. Fund-raising drives are above the financial means of the sick. Who then is there left to shoulder the load? Perhaps the value of emergency hospital treatment could best be described by the parents of the little girl that died in the Markham police cruiser. Others have met a similar fate in the past and it will happen again. These are problems that an expanding area must face. These are the pains of growing up.

But Not Forgotten

ham High School has kept its all-girl bugle band intact. At most every function, promoted by our southern neighbors, these girls are ready and willing to lend their instrument support. They, like the Georgetown pipers, have carried the Markham nameplate to distant centres. Each year, senior members pass out of the ranks, but replacements are always available from the annual influx of freshmen recruits. Their dress, their style and even their repertoire may have changed only slightly in the past decade, but their every appearance is always well received by a band-loving

Stouffville too, has a band. A high school group, under the leadership of Mr. Jerry Waite has, to date, confined its activities strictly to extra-curricular presentations within the school. Their numbers at the recent commencement brought a host of complimentary remarks from those in attendance. Add a half-dozen members or more to the present roster, dress them up in eye-catching uniforms and select a baton-twirling majorette for a leader and Stouffville's band-famine will be ended. We feel it's just that simple. The local school band, or orchestra, should not hide its talent under a bushel. The members could do credit to themselves, to their school and to the town. The need is present - the ser-

The small business with stiffer credit

regulations, higher taxes and the new

rates for unemployment of which it

pays half, either goes under or joins

many other small towns, find it very

difficult to get people to do odd jobs.

We go along with the fact that older

people and younger unemployables

should be looked after, but we cannot

condone the encouragement that is

being given to the work slacker. It's

time that the man who works every

day and every week has some pro-

tection. It's time that the loafers

were weeded out and when winter

comes, let them take a shovel and

make their own way. There are too

many who never benefit, contributing

weekly to those who will gladly sit

by the fire and take the small govern-

ment handout, rather than stir them-

years to get a real sense of values

the trees in the immediate area are

dead. A high board fence is little

deterrent to children. A "keep out"

placard means nothing when it hangs

atand why property in one municipal-

ity should be "mutllated" in order to

provide a service to a firm in an

adjoining town. The matter has been

the topic of discussion for many

months among members of Whit-

church council but repeated warnings

have apparently fallen on deaf ears.

Aurora should be well able to look

after its own sewage. To dump

refuse on the property of a next door

township is stretching the good

neighbor policy to the limit.

It is rather difficult to under-

We may have to go back a few

selves to do a little honest toil.

and fundamental honesty.

Disposal Plant

on an open gate.

Residents in Stouffville, like

the merry round of inflation.

vice long overdue.

little pull toy, for Junior.

For Parents Only

"GOOD-BYE MUMMY!"

What happens when you leave your child with a baby sitter and go out for a short time? Is your small son or daughter in tears over your departure? Perhaps he rebels so violently that it takes the edge off those few golden hours when you are free from home responsibilities!

You cannot give in to his crying and stay home! But you can try to discover the reason why he makes such a fuss. Time has little meaning for a child. When he watches your departing back through the window, it may be he fears you will never return. No wonder he walls when he feels so desolate!

Never try to deceive your child by slipping away when he is having his afternoon nap. Don't vanish when he is preoccupied with play! These methods destroy his confidence in

Prepare your child by telling him what you are going to be doing when you are away from him. State exactly when you will be back, "By Supper Time" or before "Daddy comes from the office." If he is four or five, show him where the big and little hands of the clock will be the morning Church Service you when he can start watching for your return.

time to describe to him some. ther are filled with interesting thing you have seen or done, activity under a teacher whom If possible, bring some little surprise home with you, as a pretty serviette from an afternoon tea party.

stride" if he enjoys the company of the grown-up who is caring for him. Have you discovered that there is no better substitute for mother than father? A man may feel awkward or inadequate in his first baby-sitting sessions. But there is nothing which will make him prouder of his youngster! Son or daughter discovers that it is fun to have daddy in charge. Together they can wave farewell quite happily.

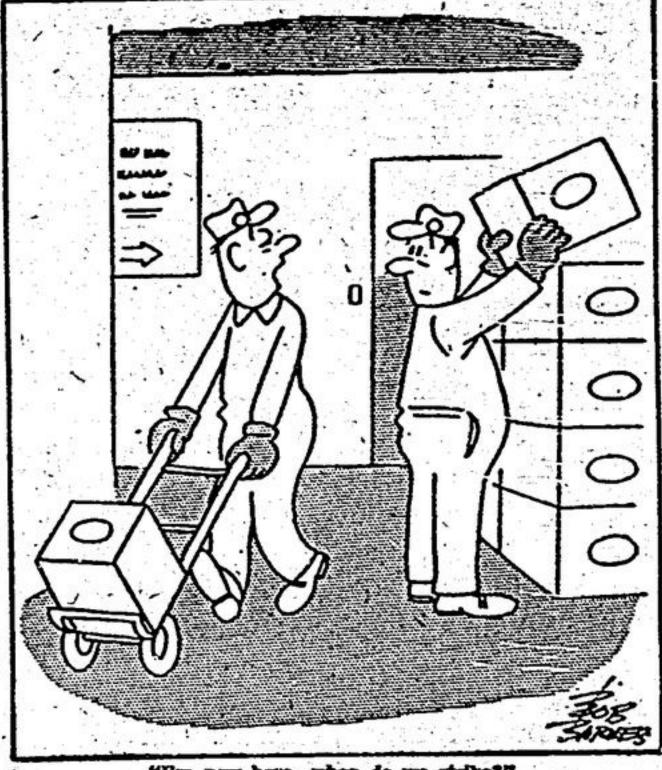
As baby sitters, grandmothers my!" and aunts often rate high, too. Most mothers have a list of two or three reliable older girls or women who are fond of children and know their child's schedule. Each friendly person who cares for your little boy or girl increases his confidence in other people outside the home circle. But too many different sitters are confusing to a little child.

One of the most inexpensive daytime child caring schemes is a barter plan between two mothers of small children. You care for Mrs. Smith's Susan in your home one afternoon and she looks after your Billy on another afternoon. If this is a regular arrangement, the two children will likely look forward to their time together.

A busy child is a happy child and you should plan possible activities for your child in your absence. Have a few toys, a favorite story book or dolly put away, which are only enjoyed at these special times. If father takes a turn at minding his youngster, perhaps he could make a set of home-made blocks or a simple jig-saw puzzle, or a

Nursery Class Session during led if later desired.

THE WEEK



"I'm new here-when do we strike?"

will notice his growth in emotional independence. These short When you come back, take periods of time away from Mohe knows and loves. Why should he not be quite satisfied for Mo-

ther to leave him? Occasionally pictures in broken into or children being trapped in a burning home will make a child approaching school age terrified of burglars or fire. Mother should try to discover what is worrying him, if sudden ly he clings to her and doesn' want to leave. If he can talk about his fears and be re-assured of his safety, then he can once again call serenely when Mother goes shopping or out with friends, "Good-bye, Mum-

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lishwasher is Good Bacteria

There are no quarrels about who'll be doing the dishes with a 'specialist" in the kitchen.

In this new era of living better electrically, the automatic dishwasher (in many, homes) does the dirty work, every day of the year.

washes a family's dishes also helps protect a family's health. Tests conducted recently revealed bacterial counts as high as 10,000 on some hand-washed at all on 74 per cent of dishes washed in an automatic machine. in public affairs by letting their

Today's housewife can choose her dishwater from a variety of loading types — top opening, front opening or pull out.

For apartment dwellers, or home renters, portable styles are available, requiring no spe be intimidated and I don't get If your child attends Nursery | cial plumbing or installation. School during the week, or a These can be permanantly instal-

Editor's Mail

Nov. 16, 1959

It was not my wish to be drawn into the Edwards - Town Council controversy, but in the It is much easier for your newspaper or conversation he light of the snide remarks, rechild to take your going "in his overhears about a house being ferring to me, which were contained in a letter appearing in your Nov. 12 issue. I feel justified in asking for "my day in court".

> The issues in the Edwards Council dispute and the dismissal of one of my employees stem from the same root. Fanned, in both cases, to a lot of smoke and smell by members of Stouffville's Cafe' Society.

Employee - Employer relations are simply this: If an employee by his or her actions tends to jeopardize customer - employer relations, it is time to make other arrangements. By the same token if the Council, a freely elected body of public minded citizens who give literally and figuratively freely of their time and energy to minister to the needs of our growing community, decide by a democratic majority vote that for the sake of harmony the best interests of the community would be served by making different arrangements; I see no need for all this bell ringing and door knocking - unless there is, in The electrical servant that fact, some truth in the statements I am alleged to have made to the effect that Mr. Edwards' supporters are glory seekers who bask in the limelight of cheap publicity. If I am dishes but no detectable germs wrong, let's see all these dogooders take the same interest names stand at the next municipal nomination meeting.

Now, Mr. Editor, I would close by repeating: this letter was not of my seeking, but as my critic's champion will attest, I can't pushed around so pretty good.

-Cy Bellman

Sugar and Spice SY BILL SMILEY

the teenage population has a gets snarly if you give him the buy-ing power of \$80 billion a half of your steak that has the year? A chap from the States gristle in it. told me that the other day, and I was suitably startled. Or maybe it was \$8 million a day. It

doesn't matter.

I presume the same is true in Canada, proportionately. Let's say there are four million teenagers in Canada. A conservative estimate of their direct spending would be an average of \$2 a week, each. That's \$8 million a week, \$416 million a year.

Add to that their indirect spending, that is, the money spent by their parents on clothes and cars for them, foods and fads for them, schooling and spoiling for them, and they are probably the most expensive and economically influential segment of society ever spewned.

Rather a shocker, lan't it? It was not always thus. Only in the past generation has the age group between 12 and 20 fastened on the body of society with a vampire's tooth, and inhaled with gusto. Never before in history have commerce and culture danced attendance on the maudlin mind of the teens.

I'm not complaining, or saying at your leg if you're not Day. The youth responded as Next thing you know, he's a for a place at the trough. grown dog, is sitting at the table

Do you know that in the U.S., I with a bib below his jowls and

This adulation of the adolescen was non-existent when was one. And don't give me that pap about today's teenagers being all mixed up and confused. People of that age have always been confused and mixed up The difference was that we did n't know how to take advantage of it, and we didn't have enough money for anybody to be both ered with us.

Perhaps it is money that has supplied the motive power for the cult of the teen, which has smothered society, in the past decade, with something that has all the grace, charm and vitality of a well-mouthed marshmallow.

It began in the 1940's, when the war-time and post-war boom produced easy money, the like of which honest plugging people had never seen. Parents, delighted and ill at ease with their newfound affluence, passed some of it on to their kids. For nothing. Not for working, but just so they could hold up their end with all the other kids whose parents had given them money for the same reason.

And thus, in the 1950's emerg ed full-blown that phenomenor -The Teenager master of all he or she surveys, as capricious as Catherine the Great, as misdirected as a monsoon. One can only look forward to the 1960's with utter foreboding.

Glorification of the teenager has had several results, all of them dire. It has unleashed a veritable flood of garbage in the fields of entertainment and publishing. It has convinced even the more sensible of our youth that they are as important as the sycophants say they are.

It has made them believe that they are enjoying the most exciting, the richest years of their lives, which is pure crap. It has played hell with family life, because it has assured them that everyone who is not a teenager is either infantile or an imbe

Don't ask me for the answers. l just have the questions. The only thing I can suggest is to cut off ruthlessly their finances. Which would bring down about our ears a torrent from the soft drink companies, the record companies, the drive-in movies, the people who specialize in clothes and shoes for teens, and everybody else who has a finger in that big julcy pie.

Don't think I am attacking the teenagers, or that I have a ing it's all wrong. I'm merely It was not long before the formula for revamping society. observing. Nor do I blame it on sharples of society smelded a It's just that I have a problem. the kids. Start feeding a new fat new market. Sociologists I have a son who is 12. When I pup choice morsels from your gave them a hand up by turn- was 12 I wanted to be a cowboy, table, even though you know it's ing the full candlepower of their Tarzan-of-the-Apes, a great exwrong. Pretty soon he's claw- searchlight on the Youth of To- plorer, or, on duli days, maybe just a millionaire. You know handing it down fast enough. youth always will, by pushing what my kid wants to be: He wants to be a teenager. It's very depressing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for November 29) SAUL

CONFRONTED BY CHRIST Acts 9:1-9 GOLDEN TEXT - Neither is ant of God. there salvation in any other: for there is none other name

under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. -Acts 4:12 THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson The conversion of Saul of Tarsus on the road to Damascus and his spiritual transformation into Paul the apostle to the Gentiles paved the way for a rapid Gospel advance into distant

He was indeed "a chosen ves sel" (Acts 9:15). In him three cultures blended in a remark able way.

He was "an Hebrew of the Hebrews; as touching the law. a Pharisee" (Phil 3:5). Steeped in the Old Testament, at home in both Law and Prophets, trained at the feet of Gamaliel, and understanding the intricacies of Hebrew tradition, he was eminently qualified to meet the Jews on their own level. No sooner was he converted than he "confounded the Jews . . . at Damascus" (Acts 9:22) by his piercing logic and masterful eloquence.

Paul was also at home in Greclan | surroundings. 'He spoke Greek, was versed in Greek phi-(Acts -17:22-34). What a boon this was! For his task was to was assudden as the flash from cross the Mediterranean from Asia Minor to Greece, to reside many parts of the land.

born Roman citizen (Acts 22:28) misguided follower of a spurentitled to all the privileges and lous sect, drunken Bowery sotprotection such citizenship en- as beyond the react of the Son tailed. It was this fact, for ex- of God. The light that blinded ample, that hastened his libera. Saul's physical eyes but illumtion in Philippi (Acts 16:37-39) | ined the eyes of his soul still and later enabled him in an hour shines. Keep praying. Keep witof crisis to appeal to the emper- nessing. Keep expecting miror (Acts 25:11), thereby hasten- acles. The Lord of the Damascus ing the carrying of the Gospel road is still Lord of human life

Yes, on that Damascus road the Lord Jesus laid His mighty hand upon one who was prepared to become a mighty serv-

The Heart of the Lesson

Saul's conversion was dramatic, swift, and complete. It changed the course of church history. For the fiery young fanatic whose life was revolutionized became the Christian ploneer to Gen-tiles in "the regions beyond" (2 Cor. 10:6), author of one-half the books of the New Testament and master theologian of the ages.

Dramatic? The flashing light from Heaven which engulfed him, the brief but overwhelming view of the exalted, radiant Saviour, the gentle but authoritative voice from Glory - and over. against this the form of the leading enemy of the Christians lying prostrate in the dust. It was a truly startling scene. It. is described three times in everincreasing detail in the Book of Acts.

But it was also swift and complete. No sooner had the scales fallen from Saul's eyes than he was baptized and began to preach Christ (9:18-20). The destroyer and defamer had become the devotee. The accuser and assailant had become both advocate and apostle. The perlosophy, and felt at ease even secutor of the faith had become in Athens, the capital of Greece a professor and propagator of the faith. His transformation

We should thank God that the there for years, and to estab. Lord Jesus has not changed. His lish Christian assemblies in transforming power still prevails. Never regard any man -But more. Paul was a free- Hebrew skeptic, Gentile infidel,

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