

# Editorial

## Trees Are Not Forgotten

We were pleased to note at the regular meeting of Stouffville municipal council last week that the matter of planting trees had not been forgotten. Ever since our main St. was denuded of trees to make way for highway widening, it has been the hope of many citizens that a program of replacement would be launched.

The matter was touched off at

## Instruction for Living

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it," is one of the bits of wisdom in the Book of Proverbs. Last week was the occasion of the annual Sunday School Convention for the Township of Markham, and we know that many parents and educators believe that not enough children are getting instruction in the things of the spirit. This despite high Sunday School attendances in many instances.

Religious education has been a live issue in this province this past year and is being constantly analyzed by various groups and individuals.

The Secretary of the International Council of Religious Education,

## Churches Preparing To Take Stock

In a day when the influence of the Christian Church was never more needed, and yet when it was never more questioned, it is interesting to note that the churches are continuing to grow, are able to show balanced budgets, both for local purposes and for missions.

Like private business, the church annually takes stock, to ascertain spiritual and material profits and losses, and plan for the future.

We know some reports indicate that attendance at public worship is increasing — this may be due to increased population or the awakening by some people that the church has much to offer, that families which worship together, stay together. True, Sunday evening services in many cases, are a thing of the past

## A Missing Plank In The Platform

Now that dozens of councils have resumed their activities for a new term in district towns and townships, don't be surprised if there are some sizeable hikes in the members' annual stipends. We would not suggest that these self-imposed wage increases are not warranted. We would not hint that any municipal servant is over-paid, in fact, for some, the opposite is true. We would contend, however, that the manner in which this increased remuneration is achieved leaves room for question.

Never, in our limited experience with job applicants, have we heard of man, or woman who immediately asks for a wage-hike, almost before he or she has become acquainted with her work. We have seen this very thing occur around the council table. Would it not be rather unethical for any employee to expect his pay-raise in December to be retro-active over the previous eleven months? This

## Good News

Although the suggestion that the accommodation at the Stouffville District High School may be over-taxed for the September term could cause district taxpayers to wince at the thought of further construction, there was certainly a brighter side to last week's high school education outlook. The principal, Mr. W. E. Duxbury predicted that the enrollment in grade 13 could possibly climb

## Hooked Rugs Coming Back

Headquarters of the Women's Institute in Ontario reports that the women of this organization, including some in Stouffville, are reviving the once fine art of making hooked rugs.

There has been great emphasis in the last few years on wall-to-wall carpeting. This actually could be traced to a pioneer practice which had a real purpose in mind.

In the days before central heating became standard, the floors were mighty cold. A thick carpet was a

Thursday night's council meeting when councillor Parsons suggested that provision should be made for such a program in this year's budget. All members of council were keenly favorable.

Coupled with the efforts of the local Horticultural Society, a program of municipal planting can do an excellent job and return Stouffville to its former status, as a community where trees abound.

speaking recently in the States, doubts whether a single hour a week at Sunday School is sufficient for building "strong religious foundations." There is in addition, the question of children who do not receive even this hour of instruction in ethics.

It is always pointed out at our Sunday School Conventions, that despite the Sunday School and whatever training is allowed in day school, the home is not relieved of the major responsibility. The religion that counts, the International Secretary pointed out, and that best serves the child, is the religion that is not confined to an hour or two of discussion on Sunday or a week day but lived and practiced all through the day.

or have become only a shadow of what they were in bygone days. Some churches locally have been able to carry on, and quite successfully with evening worship, but nevertheless the trend is in the other direction.

However, we venture to say that the overall attendance figures have not decreased because of this falling off in evening services. We also would not like to think that it is any lessening in the people's interest, of things spiritual.

Like the people, the church is faced today with many difficulties due to our fast-changing times, and it has tried to adjust — but the call of the church is as strong as ever, and is directed to everyone who will hear, be it for one service a day or two.

too is not uncommon in council.

We would suggest that any councilman who feels the post is worth increased financial recognition, should make it a plank in his pre-election platform. His statement to the electorate might sound something like this "If I am re-elected as your councillor in 1962, I will fight for a weekly pay increase (for myself) of from \$10 to \$15 per meeting". Another would-be office holder could put it in these words — "I promise you, my friends, that if elected Reeve of this progressive municipality, I will issue an immediate proclamation, authorizing an increase in my annual salary from \$1,000 to \$3,000." If such a policy was fearlessly adopted by candidates, the electorate might endeavour to scrutinize the "worth" of the individual more carefully before casting his ballot. Once elected and sworn into office, the self-styled salary question can become routine procedure.

from its present 18 students to 30 or even 40. This is indeed, good news.

At long last, the signs of the times would indicate that the necessity of an upper school graduation diploma has finally made an impression on the young minds of would-be drop-outs and early job-seekers. With this thought in mind, the education cost burden is made much easier to bear.

method of keeping one's feet warm.

Hooking of rugs is an art in itself. They are done in colorful hues and patterns. They come in all shapes and sizes, from small bedside ones to larger sizes for the parlor. These rugs were always cheap as housewives of a few years back never discarded old materials. They kept them, cut them into appropriate strips, dyed them and hooked them into rugs. These rugs, and the old-style quilts, were assurance that no textiles would be wasted.

## When Grandmothers Get Together —



## Details of Education Stamp Announced

Details of the recently announced "Education" five-cent commemorative postage stamp were revealed this week by the Postmaster General, the Hon. William Hamilton. The stamp will be issued on February 28th, 1962.

It depicts, as the main element a young adult couple gazing into the future. On either side of these figures are two panels of symbolic designs representing every field of education. Around the left, top and right edges of the stamp there is an inscription reading "Strength Through Education — L'Instruction fait la force". The words "Postes-Canada-Postage" appear along the bottom edge. The denomination is shown by a large 5c placed in the top right corner. The main figures, the denomination and the wording are to be printed in black and the symbols in the background are to be printed in gold.

In making the announcement, the Postmaster General said the stamp would be most appropriate as it will coincide with the Second Conference on Education which is to be held in Montreal in March. He added that the stamp will also be a tribute to Education Year which is to be featured in 1962.

Mr. Hamilton paid tribute to the vigorous efforts which have been made by the provinces and municipalities to raise the standard of education in Canada during the post-war era. He stressed, however, the need for even greater emphasis on education by all Canadians in order that Canada might maintain its place in an increasingly competitive world. Mr. Hamilton noted that while the federal government

has no direct responsibility in the field of education, it has done a great deal to assist the provinces in meeting their responsibilities in this field of expenditure.

The principal means of federal assistance has been through more favourable tax-sharing arrangements with the provinces and Mr. Hamilton cited, in this regard, the fact that the present government has enacted legislation increasing the provincial share of the individual income tax so that by the end of the period of the tax collection agreements the share would be double that in effect when the government took office, with all provinces having freedom to obtain an even larger share.

In addition, it was apparent that equalization of fiscal need payments to the provinces, firmly established at a level in excess of \$200,000,000 a year would do much to assist the provinces with low taxable capacities to finance the costs of education. Mr. Hamilton also called attention to federal grants and tax abatements for the benefit of universities and to the special income tax exemptions for dependent children attending university and for university tuition fees.

The stamp design is the creation of the Canadian artist Helen Fitzgerald of Toronto, who also designed the Associated Countrywomen of the World and Girl Guide commemorative stamps issued in 1959 and 1960 respectively.

Some 32,000,000 stamps will be printed and first day cover service will be provided from Ottawa.

## Editor's Mail

Jan. 19, 1962.

Dear Sir,

Re: Hospital Finance

We have learned of the heavy pressure being brought to bear on local municipalities to share the enormous costs in the financing of hospitals. In our rapidly growing area the need of hospital facilities is obvious. To raise taxes is never a pleasant task for elected representatives. But to finance this needed service, falls in part on councillors and officials who already feel they have used their tax money to the full.

As a Presbytery we would like to say how much we sympathize in this problem. We feel that adequate hospital facilities are a vital service in our country. And we are sure our taxpayers will agree to take their part in providing for this need.

We want to congratulate the County for proceeding with plans for enlarging and extending the present hospital services. And we want to support the municipalities in the difficult task of sharing these costs.

Sincerely,

Rev. Gordon Winch, Oak Ridge, Ont., Committee of Evangelism and Social Service.  
Rev. D. E. C. McLean, Keswick, Ont., Chairman, York Presbytery.

## BENEFIT GAME FEB. 16

Lucky draw admission tickets to the Community Hockey League Benefit Game in the Stouffville Arena on Friday, Feb. 16th are now on sale. The contest will feature the Uxbridge "Black Hawks," last year's Intermediate "C" champions and a picketed team of Community League All-Stars. Proceeds will go to the league's injured players' insurance fund.

## On The Farm Front

(A. A. Wall, Agricultural Representative for York County)

A capacity crowd turned out again last week for the annual meeting of York County Soil & Crop Improvement Association. Under President Ernie Crossland, the programme included reports on 23 crop demonstrations carried out by members in 1961. Some of the highlights from the reports were that Russell oats edged out Gary as the top yielding variety; putting on fertilizer according to a soil test increased profits by as much as \$8.00 per acre; and Atrazine did the best job of controlling weeds in corn. In getting good catches of Birdsfoot Trefoil, farmers reported success where there was either no nurse crop or where it was cut or pastured off green. Brome grass demonstrations showed it to be inferior to Orchard grass for very early hay, but one strain, Saratoga, showed up very well for medium maturing hay.

Prof. Tom Lane of the O.A.C. faced a panel of three questioning farmers on using fertilizer efficiently. He proved the value of using a soil test for profitable use of fertilizer, with results from many tests. Drilling fertilizer in with seed, sometimes mixing ingredients on the farm, and fertilizing sod crop to keep fertility up, were other practices stressed.

Harold Clapp raised some eyebrows with his opinion that pasturing cattle may be on the way out. In his talk on handling forages, he observed the trend in large herds to stable feeding the year round. He also showed interest in the new hay wafers machine that would eliminate the job of handling bales and about two-thirds of the space necessary for storage.

Dr. H. G. Hamilton told of his experiences on a trip to see farming in Russia last year. With pictures, he showed the audience breeds of livestock

used, farm machinery, State farm setups, and farm people. Dr. Hamilton is in charge of the Crop Research work for the Canada Department of Agriculture.

Stuart Watson of Markham was elected President of the Association, with Archie Cameron of Woodbridge chosen Vice President.

Farm Calendar — Monday, Jan. 22nd — Forum on Farm Management — Sharon. Tuesday, Jan. 23rd — Annual Meeting, York County Holstein Club, Newmarket.

Wednesday, Jan. 24th — Annual Meeting, Markham Fair Bd., Markham.

Thursday, Jan. 25th — Crop Improvement Convention, Coliseum, Toronto.

Friday, Jan. 26th — Crop Improvement Convention, Coliseum, Toronto.

Friday, Jan. 26th — Junior Farmers' Formal Dance, Maple. And be sure to get your Farm Account book this week.

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## SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley



There's something gruesome in the interest everyone has these days in being annihilated. Some people are so absorbed in the whole business that I swear they'll be disappointed if no bombs fall.

I've just finished reading a pile of Grade 12 essays. More than a third of them dealt with some aspect of nuclear warfare. If those kids knew half as much about the subjects on their course as they do about radiation fallout, there'd be no stopping them.

They are morbidly interested in the monsters to be created by mutations among the post-atomic generations. They talk casually about the dosages of strontium 90 and iodine to be released by the bombs.

They are fascinated by fallout shelters, and write long and frightening lists of the equipment they should contain. One lad, as nice a teenager as you'd come across, warned, in all seriousness, that shelter supplies should include a gun, for the purpose of mowing down any outsider who tried to join the inmates.

You can't blame the youngsters. Listen to the conversation next time you're out playing bridge, or drinking beer, or whatever you do at your parties. That plump, gentle wife and mother at the next table will be reeling off the number of millions who will be killed in the first attack. That portly, jovial church warden across from you will be saying that we ought to drop it before they do.

I'm not frightened by all this. I'm bored. I'm sick to death of uninformed prattle about world politics from people who think Marx is a TV comedian. I've had quite enough half-baked lectures on nuclear fallout from people who couldn't even combine hydrogen and sulphur and come up with a stink bomb.

What I can't understand is why everybody's so concerned. Why do we sit around like so many ghouls at a garden party, licking our lips over the horrors to come? Are we scared or something? You'd think nobody had ever been killed before, violently and painfully. You'd think no other civilization had ever perished before.

Surely you're not worried about leaving this world suddenly, Jack? Why, all I've ever heard you do is complain. Business is terrible. Your wife nags.

Your hemorrhoids are acting up. You can't do a thing with your kids. The government's taxing you to death. The salt is ruining the body of your car. You're working too hard. You haven't thrown a decent rock in the last two bonspiels. I'd think you'd be glad to be out of it all.

What's that? You don't want to die? Life is sweet and warm and beautiful and you love your wife and kids and business is picking up and your bottom's better and the government could be worse and the old car's had it anyway and you like work and you just curl for the fun of it? Well, why didn't you say so?

And what about you, Ethel? You haven't stopped moaning since you were married. You've nothing to wear. Nobody appreciates you. The furniture is shabby. Those kids are driving you crazy. Jack's never home at nights. You're a nervous wreck. The house isn't nearly as nice as Mabel and George's. You're losing your looks. And the church is always after you to bake pies. I'd think you'd be happy to abdicate.

How's that again? You wouldn't trade the whole sordid mess for a mink coat, a model's looks and figure, a mansion with servants, as long as you can stek around for a few years? Stop whining, then. Enjoy, while you're still with us.

Really, I don't see what we're all so alarmed about. For the Darwinians among us, nuclear war will be an interesting application of the theory of survival of the fittest. For the unregenerate sinner, there's still time to do something about it. And for the rest of us good Christians, it will merely mean that we all get to heaven that much sooner. Especially us Anglicans.

Personally, if this is any consolation to you, I haven't the slightest intention of digging a hole in the ground and crouching there with my family, like four terrified moles. In the first place it's not a dignified way to meet death, should it come. In the second place, I have better things to do.

And in the third place, I fully intend to live to the age of 90 and expire peacefully in my own bed, my last conscious act being an attempt to pinch the bottom of my special nurse. If this interferes with the plans of either Khrushchev or Kennedy, they're just going to have to change their plans.

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