

Editorial . . .

Let's Not Throw Money Down The Drain

Following the meeting last week of Stouffville Library Board members and the local municipal council, some time was spent in consideration of whether or not there was any merit in spending additional thousands of dollars on improving the present library building. At least two council members, councillor Parsons and deputy-reeve Laushway voiced definite opposition to any such proposal. This was not to say that they favored immediate acceptance of a sixty to seventy-five thousand dollar library project, but they did declare the foolishness of spending more money on a building and site that could never be a satisfactory answer to the library needs in years to come.

We agree that the present building has served its day. Residents of forty years ago looked with considerable pride on our library building, the only Carnegie Foundation Library in the district. This was fine for the population of those years, but that day is gone; the town is three times the size it was then and is destined to be much larger within the next ten years. However the library has remained the same, and the lack of facilities has become acute as most of these things do before any action is taken. It is to be hoped that council does not embark on any foolhardy venture to try to squeeze more out of the present accommodation at a waste of the taxpayers' money.

Under the present financial stress with one new school addition just completed, another coming up next year, and the disposal plant expense, it would appear that the acquisition of a site is about as far as council could go for the next couple

of years. On January 1st, 1963, Stouffville will embrace three times its present area. Many are looking forward to an expansion boom following this annexation. Should they be right, and we trust they are, the monies collected from lot fees should soon mount once more to a sizeable sum. Here would be a source of revenue, if the government agrees, for library purposes. Several years ago, the growth in town made the need for better municipal building facilities a "must." These funds were used for this purpose at that time. It might not be necessary to load the total expense of such a project on the fund, but at least a healthy proportion might be covered in this way, if permission was granted.

We were impressed at the meeting by Mr. Foord's statements regarding education and the fact that reading and learning does not cease at the end of high school. He was so right. Reading is both a pleasure and an education in which many of us indulge all too little, and as one councillor pointed out, even though the better library facilities are needed for the present attendance, these better facilities might encourage some of the rest of us to become "better read."

We're one hundred per cent behind the project, not with the idea that it is going to be done tomorrow, but at least as something towards which we can plan for the future. There is much thought and spade work necessary both in securing a suitable site and in scaling a new building to come within our financial ability to pay. Let us not rush into this but let's not procrastinate either. This is something Stouffville needs.

Road To Have Its Face Lifted

At long last, the Ninth Concession in the Twp. of Whitchurch is to receive a permanent pavement. The move will be welcomed by present and future residents along this route, situated between a residential community in the south and a populated resort area to the north.

Over the past years, the "face" of this road has been scarred and scraped, boiled and oiled, graded and gravelled in a never-ending program of maintenance that has cost the municipality thousands and thousands

of dollars. This year, the council has given the green light to a start on a project that will put a permanent plug in a costly drain on road appropriation funds.

Looking back over The Tribune records, we find that such a plan was discussed by councils in Whitchurch more than a decade ago. It would appear that nobody wished to take the initial "plunge" at that time and the program was permitted to hang fire. We feel that it is a wise move, one that had to be made sooner or later.

Makes One Wonder

The Canadian Tax Foundation has recently released its latest study on the Canadian Tax Picture and may be a revelation to many citizens that they are now paying out more than one-quarter of all they earn in taxation. Rates of taxation have been increasing over the last five years at an enormous speed; levies for old-age pensions, sales taxes plus individual income taxes and those on corporations and payments for hospital insurance.

The Study shows that on every

dollar one earns, the average citizen pays 3.6 cents to the provincial government, 3.9 cents to municipal government and 18.3 cents to Ottawa. This amounts to 25.8 cents on the dollar, a considerable proportion of the wage. For the average wage earner this is a thousand dollars a year.

Over a period of forty years, the various governments will nick the average Canadian for \$40,000 to \$50,000. It is little wonder that under such conditions, few can become men of property.

Greater Protection Hoped For

It is hoped that with implementation this month of Ontario's new Motor Accident Claims Fund, motorists will have greater protection against those uninsured drivers travelling our highways. Hitherto there has been considerable complaint regarding the length of time it took to receive any of the fund and the amount.

Under the new edict victims of motor accidents with uninsured drivers will be able to collect up to \$35,000 for death or personal injury. Protection against property damage is also increased to \$5,000.

Up to now, \$10,000 was the limit of payment for death or personal injury of one person and \$20,000 for death or injury to two or more persons, with a maximum of \$2,000 for property damage.

Law enforcement officers will be checking more closely to ensure that all owners of motor vehicles are

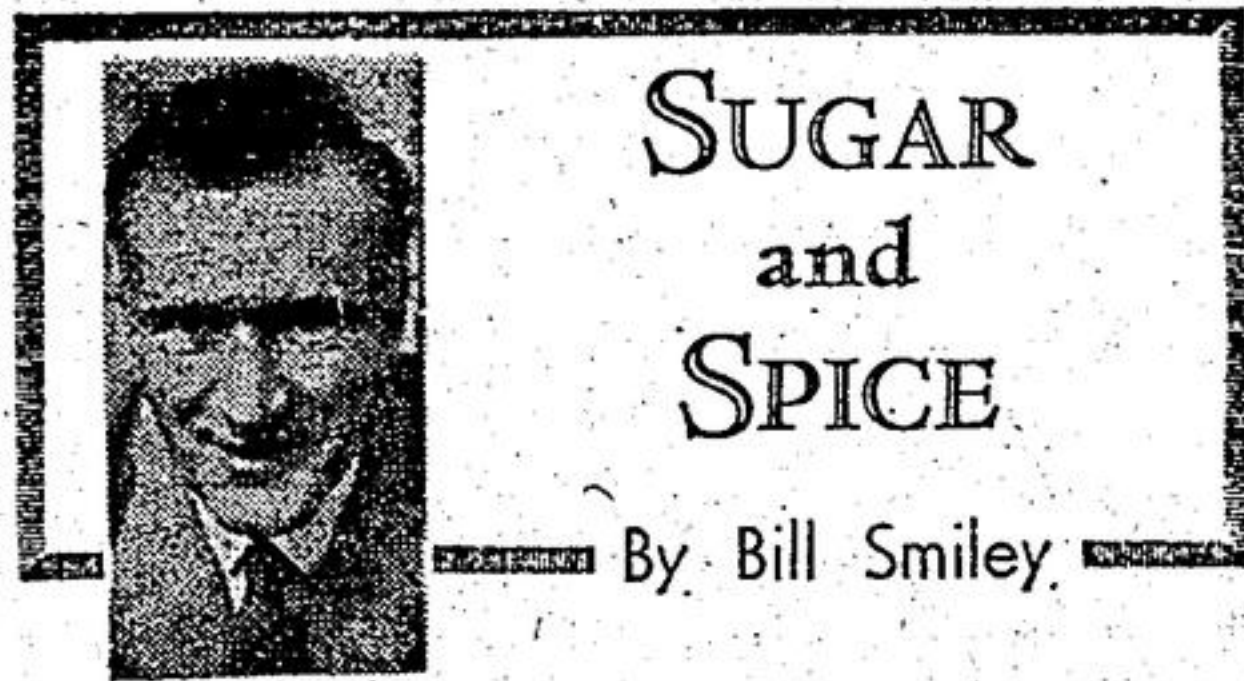
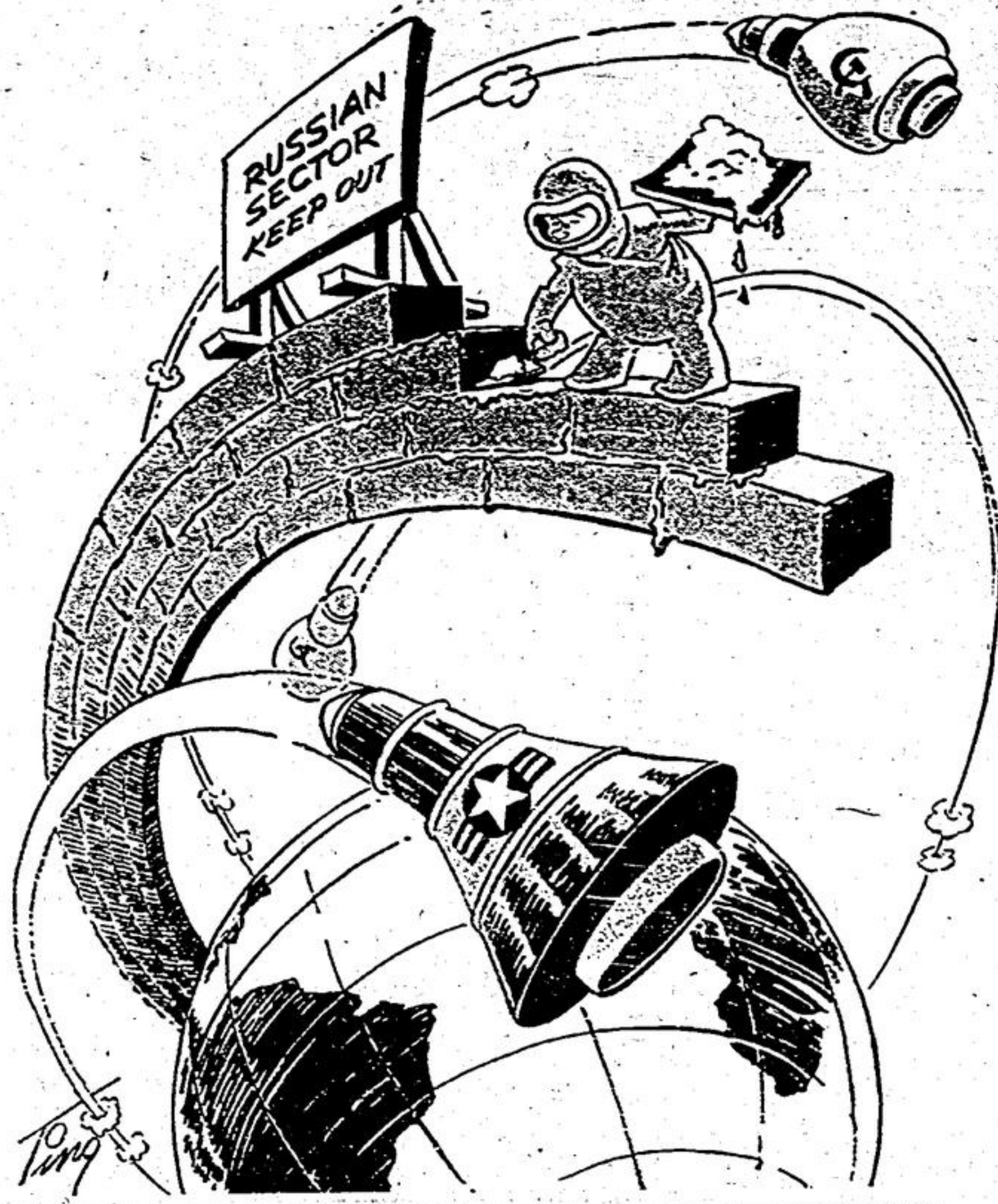
either insured or have paid the \$20.00 uninsured fee to the Motor Vehicle Accident Claims Fund.

The new fund, which came into effect July 1, provided for a more effective and speedy settlement of claims. The Minister reminded motorists of two new benefits included in the legislation that have been in effect since that date:

First, the inability of a claimant to locate an uninsured motorist will no longer deprive the claimant of his right of payment nor will the claimant be delayed in processing his claim because he cannot locate the uninsured motorist. Under the new regulations, claimant may have the writ served on the Registrar of Motor Vehicles as the agent for the uninsured person.

Second, a person having a claim against an uninsured motorist may apply directly to the Fund for payment of his claim without having to commence an action in court.

Someday ?



SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Once in a while, I lose heart. Most of the time, I roll with the punches, smile wryly, admit that Rome wasn't built in a day, and go right on trying to instill in youngsters some knowledge of their native tongue.

But occasionally, I stride from the classroom, go barreling into the men teachers' washroom, fiercely suck on a cigarette and stare morosely into the toilet bowl, wondering how I was ever flung into the teaching of English.

It's a crazy language. Oh, I'll admit it's strong, virile, colorful, flexible and often beautiful. But it's also inconsistent, irregular, insane and intimidating.

Compared to the soldierly march, the regular formations of Latin; English is a disorderly stream of refugees. Compared to the lucidity, logic and precision of French, English is the flight of a bat.

What other language, for example, would have five different pronunciations for "ough"? Count them: bough, cough, dough, enough, and through.

What other language would pronounce read, said and led exactly alike? Or would pronounce two words of totally different appearance, "you" and "ewe", identically? Or would have four utterly useless and unpronounced k's in such a word as knickknack?

However, that's snuff of that stough. I'm too busy trying to teach the language to have any time for reforming it. I don't really demand much. All I ask is that kids in high school stop saying things like, "I wouda if I cooda"; eliminate the "this-heres" and the "that-theres" from their vocabulary; and refrain from writing things like, "I seen in a book were theirs no people on the moon, like."

In addition, I try, gently but persistently, to lead them away from such gruesome slips as, "If babies don't like raw vegetables, they should be boiled," and that old favorite, the dangling participle, which calmly states, "Sitting on the veranda, 40 cows were seen."

I don't blame the youngsters. Many of them are exposed to sparse vocabularies and anything-goes grammar not only at home, but on television, and in the movies they see and junk they read. They can scarcely be expected to acquire impeccable spoken and written English in a few hours at school each week.

They try, though. They try, bless them. Their foreheads knot with strain as they tell you that the three principal parts of the verb "cling" are cling, clang, clung. Their eyes roll in their heads as they spell with a dash and daring worthy of more heroic feats. And every year some kid tries to throw the teacher by asking him to spell "antidisestablishmentarianism" and explain what it means.

On second thought, English is a fascinating language, with a bold, vivid coloring all its own, and I reckon I'd rather teach it than anything else. Occasionally, one comes across a student with those rare twin gifts — an ear for language and a joy in the manipulation of words. When that happens, it makes up for a host of headaches.

And where else could one come across such delightful miscues as that of the boy who wrote, "They came withing a hare's breath of success?"

And where else could you find a language that could conceivably spell "fish" as "photi"? Just pronounce it: ph as in physics, o as in women, and ti as in nation. Fish.

It's a grand old tongue, and I think that if I just put my shoulder to wheel, carry the ball with my nose to the grindstone, and hit the odd home run, I should be able to go down with my flags flying.

Editor's Mail

The Editor, Stouffville Tribune, Ontario.

20% more taxes if Yes Vote! A "yes or no" vote will not change the drinking habits of the people of Pickering Township. However a yes vote will help lighten our taxes.

The Ontario Government will give our Township Treasurer 20% of all taxes collected from licensed premises based on all their sales. Why should we lose this money to Ajax, Scarborough and Markham? Also our assessor will be assessing the real estate and business taxes of new premises which will be built if we vote yes. These premises can only be built in areas zoned Commercial, and after approval of the L.C.B.O. and our Council, Citizens can voice objections to the building of any outlet by appearing in Council Chambers.

In 1959 our Government took in \$66 million in liquor taxes and gave \$96.5 million on school grants; if liquor was prohibited in Ontario either school grants would be reduced drastically or our taxes would be substantially increased.

Yours Truly, R.Blake.

SOD-TURNING FOR AJAX-PICKERING HOSPITAL OCT. 27

Unanimous approval for the third reading of a bylaw granting \$1,079,000 from Ontario county to the Ajax and Pickering General Hospital on Saturday has prompted an announcement this week that the official sod turning for the new building will be held on October 27. Hospital chairman R. D. Thompson, offering the hospital's thanks for the grant, said the county council's seal of approval ensures area residents of adequate hospital care. "The county's action — far-sighted and meaningful for generations to come — is to be highly commended," he added.

The final reading of the county bylaw follows announcement by the Ontario Hospital Services Commission of the approval for a provincial grant of \$449,993.34 towards the building of a new hospital.

Pledges and donations to the hospital fund campaign now total \$353,000, and several generous contributions are forthcoming, said Mr. Thompson. Canvas objective is \$495,000.

"While the hospital applauds the approval of grants, the success of our hospital campaign rests with fund contributors from across the hospital service area," said Mr. Thompson.

The campaign office noted that pledges are being honored on time and that more than one third of the \$353,000 pledged has been received in cash. The office hopes to receive remaining industrial and residential pledges within the next few weeks.

Tribune Survey Shows

Door-to-door Salesmen Unappreciated by Most Local Residents

"Try to Twist Your Arm"

Few Stouffville and district residents tend to roll out the welcome mat for salesmen who travel door-to-door, according to a telephone survey conducted by The Tribune this week. Many felt that the caller tended to misrepresent his product while others contended that they attempted to "force" their sales even against the home-owner's better judgment.

Mr. Chas. Jackson, town deputy-clerk said that many people contact the Municipal Office as soon as a salesman comes knocking on their door, to ask if the party in question has a licence. Mr. Jackson noted that following inquiries of this kind, all individual cases are checked. He said that the fee for a Hawkers and Peddlers Licence is \$25 with caterers and food vendors paying an even higher rate.

"If a salesman wants to come to town and sell his goods its alright with me," said Mrs. Sherwood Jackson, Elm Road, "some people may buy their products but I won't".

Mrs. Gordon Smith, Albert Street can speak with considerable authority on the subject of salesmen for she does this type of work. "I feel considerable sympathy for the salesman who has a legitimate product to sell," she said, "some are given a pretty hard time". She said that she has a route and a list of satisfied clientele who welcome her when she calls. "I object very much to the salesman who uses misrepresentation in order to sell his product," she said, "some of them will come around and say they are taking a survey of some kind and before you know it they have you buying a set of books that you don't want".

Buy At Stores

Mrs. Bert Chéwins suggested that local merchants can pretty well fill the needs of residents and purchases from strangers are not necessary. A resident on Clarke St. Mrs. Chéwins contended that although she does not approve of door-to-door selling, there would be no way of keeping such persons out of town as long as they complied with the licencing regulations.

Mrs. Marshall Connor, Lloyd Ave. said she would not open the door to a salesman unless he or she was known to them. "If I want something, I can go to the store and buy it," agreed Mr. Connor. A one-time salesman of memberships in the Ontario Motor League, he said he never attempted to "high pressure" anyone into buying or used gimmicks to complete a sale. "If a customer does not wish to buy it, there's not much use twisting his arm," he said.

"Often a salesman tries to dispose of a product that you haven't the remotest use for," said Mr. F. A. Mabee, Stouffville R.R.2, "they insist on taking up your time with a lengthy conversation when you may be busy or have visitors in".

"Some salesmen are alright and some are not," explained Mrs. Sam Fretz, Main St. E. "If a salesman comes around with a good article from a known firm, I will welcome him".

"Our little terrier dog scares them off," said a local rural resident.

Mrs. Tom Davis, Baker Ave. contended that outside salesmen should be kept out of the town although she agreed that such a ban would be difficult to enforce. "As a rule, I never buy from them," she said.

"They should be screened and asked to produce their credentials," said Mr. Wm. Hall, cont. 8, North. He suggested that a local resident should be permitted to sell door-to-door because if the merchandise is unsatisfactory, he must face the consequences from the customer. "When a man comes from outside the town and asks for a cash payment, you never know, if you will ever receive the product". "There are countless cases in Stouffville where outsiders have mis-represented the facts and the customer is left with nothing except a big bill".

Turn Dog Loose

"Whenever a salesman comes around to our house, I send the dog after him," said Mrs. Ernest Cort of Ringwood. "It's worse in Toronto than here," she said. She noted that everything from sewing machines to aluminum windows are sold door-to-door. Once they get inside, it's almost impossible to get rid of them," she continued.

In referring to a personal experience, Mrs. Cort said that her sister paid out \$10 for a vacuum cleaner that was supposed to cost \$35. With a discount, the machine would sell at a bargain of \$25. The customer was to pay the balance when the cleaner was delivered. "The salesman came around in the afternoon and asked for \$149," she recalled. He left the machine in the house. She explained that her sister took the company to court but lost the case since she had signed the contract and had no witness to back up a charge of misrepresentation. "You asked me for my opinion and now you've got it," she concluded.

Mrs. David Prentice, Fairview Ave. argued that quite often door-to-door salesmen do the housewife a service by displaying merchandise that she would otherwise not see or hear about. She agreed, however, that the customer should be forever watchful of the "type" who uses misrepresentation.

"I'm not anxious to answer the door when a salesman comes around," stated Mrs. Bert Stouffer, Rupert Ave. She said that once in a long while they do carry items that are useful but not too often.

"I do buy from the Fuller Brush salesman, Watkins and Avon representatives because it saves me a trip to the store," said Mrs. W. Wildenauer, Main St. "I don't like magazine peddlers or salesmen that come around and try to unload calendars".

One anonymous Tribune caller had this critical comment — "If a salesman ever came around when my wife was home, she'd shoot him".

HALF-PAST TEEN



Fire Destroys 27,000 Acres of Forest

A total of 1,222 forest fires burned or destroyed an estimated 27,000 acres of Canada's forests during August, according to the statistics released by the federal Department of Forestry.

An area estimated at 449,000 acres has been burned over by 5,563 fires from the beginning of the 1962 forest fire season to the end of August. This is a sharp reduction from the corresponding period in 1961

when 8,712 fires covering 5,420,000 acres were recorded.

During the years 1952-61, the seasonal average up to the end of August was 5,183 fires with an area burned of 1,593,000 acres.

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