

# Editorial . . .

## Two-Year Term, Good or Bad?

On Thursday evening last week Stouffville Municipal Council passed a bylaw which brings into force a two-year term for all council members as well as public school trustees and members of the public utilities commission. Both the school board and P.U.C. members were consulted prior to council action.

In 1960 the Ontario Municipal Act was altered so that council could, by bylaw, and without a vote, bring into being a two-year term. The new system has been widely accepted in the province and the change in the Act to eliminate the vote had been urged at municipal conventions. In the local area, the two-year-term is in vogue in Pickering Township; it was recently brought into Sutton without a vote and Markham Village is preparing to take a vote. Where the vote is taken the law would not come into force until the following year, while in Stouffville's case, all members elected at this 1963 election will be in for two years.

The pros and cons on the longer term are several and there is about a fifty-fifty split on the question as to its advantages and disadvantages.

Chief argument in favour of the two-year-term is that one year is too short a time for a municipal member to become of very great value. The procedures in most cases are all new and by the time a member is prepared to initiate some worthwhile project for the community he has to face another election and may be left on the sidelines. In addition the same program may be started and never finished as the members carrying it out, are not re-elected.

Municipal business is a considerable study and those who support the longer term feel strongly that having new members continually coming and going is not good for the municipality and that some continuity of office would be much better.

One of the chief arguments against the measure is that ratepayers may be saddled with a poor municipal officer for two years rather than one. Another argument that has been found to be true, is that an election only every second year, creates a certain apathy among the ratepayers, and elections, when they are held, come and go, with little notice. It would appear that under the new regime in town it will be necessary for each election to be "drummed up" in order to keep up public interest.

The cost of elections in a town of this size is negligible so that there is little argument on this financial score. Those favoring an election every year believe that if a man or woman shows a real aptitude for council or other municipal work, there is nothing to fear from the electors and he or she would not lose their seat in annual elections.

All the arguments are quite valid. Personally we have always favoured annual elections, for the principal reason of keeping up public interest in municipal politics, something that many times is all too lacking. All the possibilities cited on both sides, could happen, and time alone will tell the wisdom of the move.

## Do As I Say, Not As I Do!

This newspaper has been deluged within recent weeks with reports and records concerning Ontario's spiralling farm accident toll. Three tractor deaths in less than two months has brought the importance of farm safety practices closer to home.

Like so many written warnings, the rules and regulations are either not observed or are soon forgotten.

A large scale proof of this fact was made obvious at the International Plowing Match near Caledon. During the grand parade of men and machines, many of the mobile implements carried boys and girls of all ages, some located in highly precarious positions. Fortunately, to our knowledge, no one was injured, but the danger there was just as real as in any farm field.

## Instant Action, A Credit To Trustees

The trustees of Dickson's Hill and Ringwood Public Schools are to be commended for their rise to instant action following the tragic death of a six year old girl in the community last week.

Two days after the accident, a public meeting had been organized in the Dickson's Hill section. Three days later, the board members were meeting personally with department officials at the scene of the tragedy. If some solution to the problem is not found, it won't be for the want of trying on the part of these local men.

It would appear, however that the wheels of change turn slowly for Ringwood records reveal that several written complaints have been submitted to the office of the Dept. of Highways and none has been recognized.

## Four Deaths In Four Days

Last week was a week of tragedy in this community. In a period of four days, from Monday to Thursday, four young people died as the result of accidents. Motor car collisions took three lives and another was killed while driving a tractor.

In at least three of the four fatalities, excessive speed was involved.

## Put First Things First

Heart disease is our country's number one killer. Each year more than 66,000 Canadians die as a result of heart and blood circulatory disorders. In addition, there are in Canada some 1,250,000 persons including 50,000 children, who have been disabled by heart disease.

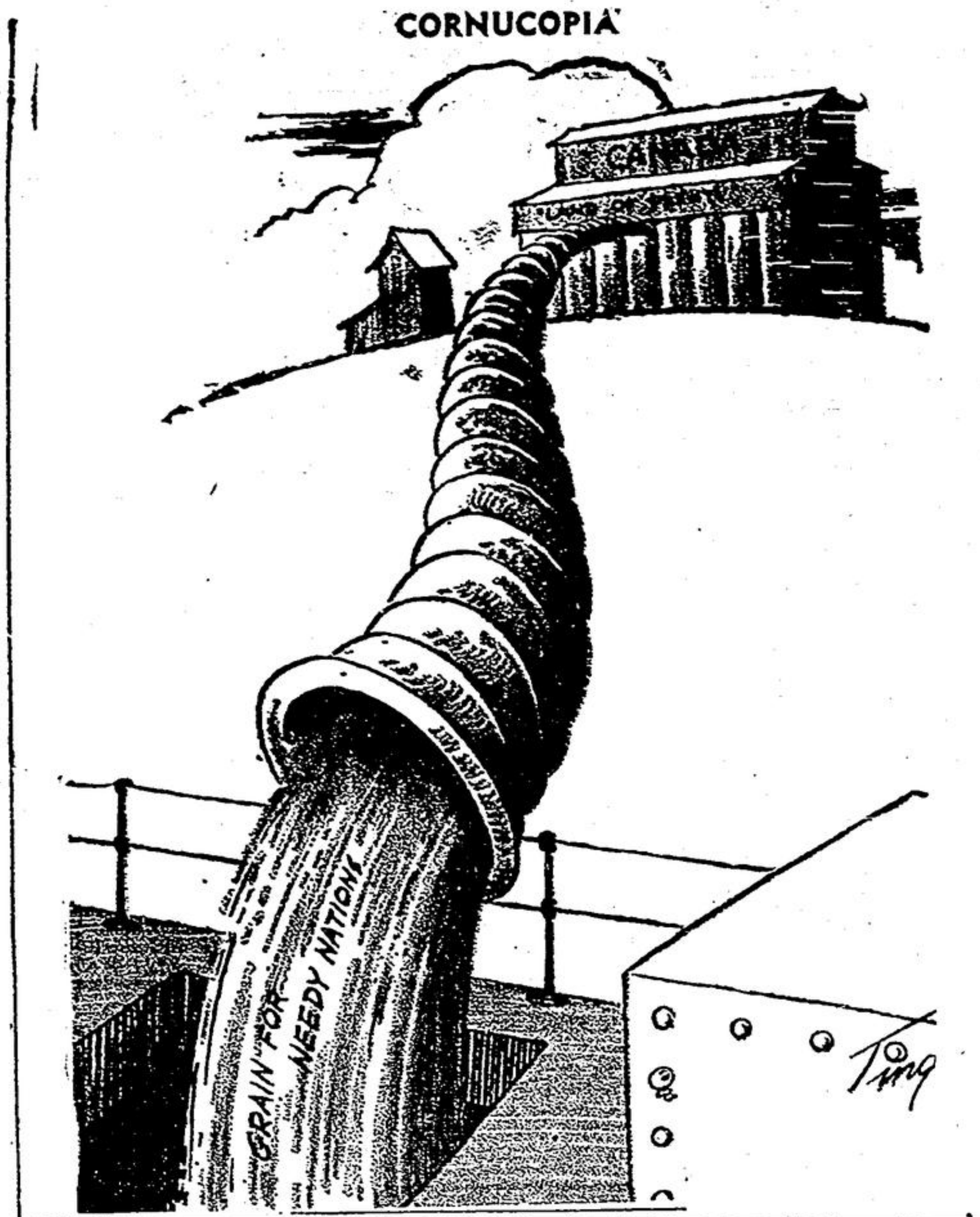
The Ontario Heart Foundation is your number one defense against this dread killer. Medical scientists, supported by the Ontario Heart Foundation, have made dramatic progress in saving and prolonging the lives of thousands of heart victims.

Research has already provided the knowledge needed to reduce re-

currences of heart attacks, prevent rheumatic fever, repair damaged heart valves, develop heart-lung machines and perfect drugs which retard blood clotting.

But more research is needed to find the answers to heart attack, stroke, heart failure, high blood pressure and other forms of heart disease.

You, your family and your business — all have a vital stake in the fight against heart disease. Call the Ontario Heart Foundation for useful and informative information. Give your heart YOUR number one consideration.



## By the way . . .

Anne Ross  
The Stouffville Lions Club has announced that the 1964 Music Festival will be held during the week of February 24th at Stouffville United Church. We have been looking through the syllabus, which is now available, and are amazed by the amount of work already accomplished by the Music Committee. A schedule of classes for choirs, choral reading groups, rhythm bands, as well as instrumental and vocal solos has been completely worked out. Copies of the syllabus may be secured at Waggs Jewellery Store, The Village Shop, Hendricks Hardware or from Mr. Roy Dowsnell, 129 Albert Street.

This Music Festival is open to all young people in the townships of Pickering, Uxbridge, Whitchurch and Markham, and the co-operation of every music teacher and every school teacher would be most encouraging to the members of the Lions Club who put so much effort into providing a means of public presentation, as well as professional adjudication, for the school children of the district. The success of the Festival is governed entirely by the number of participants, but it is the enthusiasm of the teachers which governs the number of entries from each school. What a fine festival of music it will be if all the schools in the area participate in the 1964 Music Festival!

This week, October 20-26 is known throughout Canada as Business Women's Week, and it may come as a surprise to many men — and women — to learn that the Canadian Federation of Business and Professional Women's Club has been, and is, carrying out a most effective program to further the interests of women who work. While raising money for hospitals, playgrounds, community centres, etc., as well as for scholarships and bursaries to further the education of young women, their main objective is to awaken and encourage business and professional women to take their rightful place in the community . . . running for municipal office, serving on school boards, participating in civic and service endeavours, and, beyond the confines of local affairs, to run for office provincially and federally, and through all channels, to work for the improvement of working conditions of women everywhere. They are proud that more and more women are moving into highly skilled work, into technical, managerial and professional fields and into public office.

The Federation of Business and Professional Women can point with pride to the achievement (for which they were primarily responsible) of the appointing of women to the Senate and to several Boards and Commissions. They are still worrying Parliament for revisions and improvements in legislation to protect and improve the status of working women . . . equal pay, embodied in the Minimum Wage Act, and the Portable Pensions Act, amendments to the Acts governing Vocational Training, Food and Drugs, National Health and Welfare, and many others.

In Stouffville there is an active branch of the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the President, Mrs. Ev. Jackson reports an increase in membership over the past year, and extends a warm invitation to membership to any woman in the Stouffville area who is actively engaged in business or a profession to contact her at the Stouffville Antique House. The Stouffville Club's annual Bursary of \$100.00 for furthering the education of the girl graduating from Stouffville High School with the highest scholastic standing, is to be presented to Miss Helen Busato at the Graduation Exercises on November 8th, when a bronze bar bearing her name will be added to the Bursary Plaque hanging in the High School.

We could all profitably follow the theme of the Business and Professional Women . . . "Reach Out and Grow."

## EDITOR'S MAIL . . .

The Editor,  
The Stouffville Tribune,  
Stouffville, Ontario

Dear Sir:  
It is most refreshing to find one newspaper with the integrity necessary to point out the truth in reference to so-called government gifts.

The taxpayers seem to lose all sense of logic when it comes to subsidies, pensions, medical care and other such benefits. It seems to be taken for granted these things are free, because the government pays for them. If I may recall, something that was on the curriculum of the schools in my younger days "Democracy was something to be guarded very carefully. Jean Jacques Rousseau pointed out the ever present danger of surrendering too much of your personal freedom to the governing body." The breeding of individual lack of responsibility, both to God, and to others is the downfall of any country. Your last paper showed the result of the lack of this responsibility, by some parents for their offspring, vandalism in a school. The perpetrators of this destruction were probably from a home in which the parents never know where their children are and never instill any sense of responsibility or knowledge of right or wrong in their children.

We have a great problem with juvenile delinquency, why? Our lawmakers, (products of our school system) have in their enlightened way, changed the old law of the parents being responsible for the actions of their children until such children reach maturity or leave the parental home; to the parents not being responsible in any way for what their children do when they are not in direct contact with the child.

The parents forget the actions of the children reflect the type of parents they have. If all those who attend church would spend as much time reading their Bible (in which they profess to believe) as they do in reading other literature, then juvenile delinquency might be largely eliminated. Deuteronomy 21:18 to 21.

Yours Truly,  
F. Hayward, F.A.E.

## Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself; is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil. —1 Cor. 13:4, 5.

Approach to the Lesson  
As we have seen Corinth was a gifted church (1 Cor. 1:4, 7, 2 Cor. 8:7) and had been favored in leadership and ministry (1 Cor. 1:12); but there as often now, these very blessings had generated pride and divisiveness that was greatly hindering the testimony. We have also seen how immorality and compromise with idolatry had sadly affected the church. Chapter 11 deals with the questions of worship and reveals an appalling situation with regard to the Lord's Supper, in which some would eat with complete disregard for their hungry fellow members and others might even be drunk. This was a situation that had to be rebuked (1 Cor. 11:20-34).

Chapter 12 deals with spiritual gifts and includes teaching on the gift of tongues. Apparently the emphasis on spiritual gifts in the church had led to some undue emphasis on the public ministries. To correct this, Paul taught: (1) that every Christian has some gift with which to enrich the church (12:7); (2) that the gifts are diverse in nature but energized by the same Spirit (12:4-11); (3) that just as a healthy body must function efficiently in every part, whether that part be seen or unseen, large or small, so each member of the church must be functioning efficiently if the local testimony is to be really healthy. The apparent size of the gift is not so important as is the conscientious exercise of it (12:30); (4) that, quite obviously, some spiritual gifts are of more significance than others (as for example, the heart is of greater importance than a finger. Both are necessary for full health and efficiency, but one can live without a finger, not without a heart). If we have the welfare of the body of Christ at heart, we shall covet (earnestly desire with a corresponding effort to obtain) the best gifts.

One may have great natural gifts, and still be impoverished, just as one may have a luxurious home that is empty of the real peace and joy that can alone make it a home. The one essential constituent in either case is love. If love is lacking, brilliant spiritual gifts, the local church, and the luxurious home are alike empty might-have-beens. There is a more excellent way that is taught us in today's lesson. "This chapter . . . has ever been considered as one of the jewels of Scripture. For moral elevation, for richness and comprehensiveness, for beauty and felicity of expression, it has been the admiration of the church in all ages. Heart of the Lesson

Life takes its color from the way in which we look at it. If we belong to Christ, are yielded

# Sugar & Spice

by Bill Smiley

What a difference a few weeks can make in this country! It is no wonder that Canadians carry on a deep, lingering, tongue-tied, love affair with their native land.

And they do. Believe me, they do, although you'd never know it from casual observation. They may sally to Florida and Mexico and Europe, but most of them would be sad beyond endurance if they were suddenly told they were to be banished forever from Canada.

About eight weeks ago, we drove out to visit friends at their cottage. It was the lush, bosomy end of summer, and the evening air was tropical. We slowed to cross the bridge, and the ever-present, ever-intent anglers peered with patience at the black little river, and the birds chortled and the frogs krumped.

Along the beach, golden girls walked, and brown urchins paddled, and fat ladies slumped in deck chairs, and teenagers looked sophisticated, and dogs ran over sleeping old gentlemen, and people waved and water lapped and motors roared and hot dogs smelled good.

When we arrived, our friends, about a dozen of them, sprawled under a vast, sighing pine tree, drinking chilled sauterne and eating dill pickles. Their children and ours, from toddlers to bantam delinquents, prowled and squabbled and begged bites of pickle and demanded one last swim, and laughed and cried and wet their diapers and bothered their moms.

Out over the lake, the sun, almost gone, had a moment of hysteria, slashing colour across the sky with the ferocity of a Van Gogh. And the water, darkening its blue, looked up longingly, and the sun flung across it, disdainfully, a few scarlet and gold streamers.

And we lounged, in shorts and bare feet, shirtless and wordless, too lazy and content to get up and go in, even when the sun took a deep breath and went down like a bomb, away out at the end of the water.

Like good Canadians, we accepted the splendor of the evening with decent restraint. Nobody sang a sonnet to the setting sun. Nobody was impelled to sing a dirge to dying summer. It was admitted, upon the urging of a couple of the more flamboyant types, that it sure was a swell night, before we gathered the kids and went home.

Just the other night we went back to the same beach for dinner with some friends at their cottage. The air was fairly curdling. The car heater felt good. When we reached the little bridge, there were no fishermen, but we stopped to look at the late gold sun on the little black river. And high, away up, went over a wavery V of geese, a lovely sight.

Along the beach there was no sign of life. Steely water around green-clumped islands. Silver sand. Black and blue sky. Cottages boarded up and blank-faced. It was lonely and bleak and beautiful.

When we came to the cottage, away down the shore road, and saw the yellow lights shining, it was a good feeling. Inside, there was a great, glowing fire, a warm welcome, friendly faces, and the good, rich smells of rye and turkey and perfumed women.

And again, like decent Canadians, nobody made any crude remarks about what a beautiful evening it was, how lucky we were to live in this demi-paradise, or anything as foreign and sentimental as that. We just stuffed ourselves with food and drink, and went home.

Maybe we all had too much Bliss Carman, William Wilfred Campbell and Archibald Lampman, when we were in school. Maybe we're just unobservant. But surely there is no nation on the face of this earth that loves its country so much, and sings about it so little.

That's why I'm going to sing out once in a while, however cracked the voice, or corny the tune, or bored the audience. Maybe I can incite enough people to form at least a quartet.

## Agricultural Dept. Concerned Over York County Accident Rate

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

Events of the past month prompt some thought on farm safety. In York County, we seemed to get through the summer of 1963 with a fairly good farm accident record. I wondered if we were going to get through the year with unusually low accident losses. But the roof has fallen in, in the last month.

There have been three fatal accidents in one township alone. One well-known farmer got caught in a corn picker and another had some fingers badly damaged in a wood planer. Two barns have burned, with a total loss of crops and some livestock. There are probably many more that I haven't heard about.

This is serious business. Not all accidents are caused by carelessness, and in an occupation like farming, there will always be some accidents that just can't be helped. But I think we can well afford to put more effort on following safer working habits.

Industry has proven time and time again safe working rules and safety promotion on the job can cut the accident rate. The same can apply to farming, but it takes real honest to goodness effort and firm discipline to get it.

Occasionally, there is a feeling of bravado in the attitude of farm workers. A man who regularly clears the rolls of a corn picker while the machine is running, feels a little above the man who always stops the machine and does it the hard way. Operators who get along

to His control over our lives, and know his love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, our attitudes to problems, people and things will be controlled by the fact. Thus, we shall experience a deep joy our influence in the church will be unifying and our testimony to the world motivated, not by duty, but by love. This is indeed a rich life.

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