

Editorial . . .

Growing Old Made More Enjoyable

None of us enjoys the thoughts of growing old and yet, there's absolutely nothing we can do about it.

The Mennonite churches of this community have done something however, to make life for our senior citizens a good deal more pleasant and the result of this venture was unveiled to the public for the first time on the weekend. The new Parkview Home in Stouffville was officially opened on Saturday with dedication services on Sunday.

Must Be A Co-operative Venture

The Vance ambulance service of Markham has approached the council here, requesting a \$300 subsidy to aid in the operation of their vehicle.

Similar retainers have already been approved in Markham Village and Markham Township, amounting to \$700.

Mr. Vance has admitted, that regardless of whether Stouffville enters into a contract or not, he will respond to calls in this municipality.

This being the case, Stouffville could well jump on the bandwagon for a free ride, at the expense of

It is a beautiful building, a credit to the contractor and indeed an asset to the town. The exterior is spacious and the interior is bright and cheery. We were most impressed with members of the staff. Their manner was both pleasant and co-operative, quite in keeping with the important duties they must perform.

Visitors to the home were pleased with what they saw. And indeed they should be. We heard many comments passed and all were most complimentary.

course of Markham Village and Township who have agreed to terms.

We sincerely hope that this will not be the case. The council reserved its decision at the meeting Thursday and the reeve suggested that both the police and doctors should be consulted.

We think their views will be favourable but regardless, we would hope that the council will not "free-load" off another's generosity. For it is only through co-operative subsidization that ambulance service can be maintained as a paying proposition.

Putting The Onus On The Parent

Markham Village police plan to enforce the provisions contained in the Child Welfare Act in an effort to curb vandalism in the town. This means that no boy or girl under the age of 16 years shall be found loitering on the streets between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or a responsible guardian.

The police have indicated that one warning will be issued and, on a second violation, a charge will be laid against the parent.

This policy could arouse some protest but we agree with it 100 per cent.

We feel that the time has come

when parents must be held responsible for the actions of their children. A slap on the wrist in juvenile court is not the answer. A \$10 fine in magistrate's court may hit home a little harder.

Fortunately, Stouffville police have not been plagued by this problem to any great extent. If a damage spree was encountered here, similar to what occurred in Markham, we would wholly endorse a similar crackdown.

Parents who don't know where their children are at night, or don't care, deserve to be charged. It could serve as a two-fold lesson, both to the adult and the child.

A Move In The Right Direction

The current move towards union by the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church, is certainly a step in the right direction. The topic of church union is one on which we have written before, the fact that we have so many different churches with so few people in each one.

After all, as has been said many times before, we are all trying to head in the same direction, so why not do it together. Take right here in Stouffville, we have five churches, in addition to the new Jehovah's Witnesses Hall. Two of these would quite easily hold all the people who regularly attend church, and sometimes even one. All of these churches have a struggle financially to maintain themselves. In some instances it is difficult even

to find enough dollars to pay a minister. How foolish we are.

True, there are differences in beliefs and interpretations of the Bible; but these are so minor compared with the over-all idea of how we should conduct ourselves on this earth; so small compared to the main job of Christian living.

We believe that the Christian Church, that is the Protestant church, loses a great deal of its potential "punch", hurts its image immensely and is hampered in its public relations by all these petty divisions.

The Anglicans and the United Church have the right idea, but what about the Presbyterians, the Congregationalists and all the rest. What a wonderful thing it would be if they could all come together.

Will You Stand And Be Counted?

As a member of any town organization, club, municipal body, church, or other, are you ready to stand up and voice your real opinion on subjects being discussed? Or do you wait to see which way the wind is blowing, which way the majority is going to go, and then meekly go along?

There's been so much said about positive thinking that to most of us, the term has lost any useful meaning. Would you believe it; there are those who honestly believe that to express opposition to anything is to be guilty of a lack of positive thinking. This is absolute nonsense.

It's so bad that when a motion is placed before executive groups here and there in town, members are afraid to vote against the proposal for fear of being characterized as negative thinkers. Has so much dirt been swept under the carpet that we're afraid of taking a firm opposition stand?

Various programs and various legislation, is frequently introduced with the expectation that it will be blandly accepted as a wonderful thing, a great idea, a great boon. But

the fact that the proposers say so, doesn't make it so, and those with knowledge and experience have not only the right but a responsibility to voice opposition.

On the national scene we note that the Canadian Chamber of Commerce has taken an opposition stand to the Canada Pension Plan. It believes that government operated public plans should be restricted to flat-rate benefits such as the old age security legislation. This is positive thinking despite the fact that it expresses opposition.

Many, many cases come up locally in councils, school boards and church boards where members vote one way and think another. They have some mistaken idea that their popularity will be threatened, that they will be looked on with suspicion by fellow members. The truth of the matter is that they will not lose anything but will gain respect for not being afraid to take a positive stand.

We rue the day when individuals will confuse the word positive with the word affirmative and will believe that it is proper for us to be "yes" men.

"Now, I wonder what they'll do for an encore?"



Editor's Mail

Harold St. Stouffville, June 7, 1965.

The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont. Dear Sir,

With respect to the item that appeared in May 27th issue of The Tribune concerning a fence on my neighbour's property, I would like it understood that work on the fence had not yet been started when I wrote to the council asking that some limits should be placed on its height.

The fence has now been completed much to my satisfaction and I have no complaints whatsoever concerning its construction.

Sincerely, Mrs. Chas. Tindall.

HOW TO TREAT YOUR MINISTER

(Sunday School Times) In all the years that I have gone to a Christian church I can remember only one sermon dealing with the congregation's treatment of a minister. Although this subject is seldom dealt with, especially by ministers, who are in somewhat of an awkward position to do so, it needs to be considered. Churches need to know how to treat their ministers. Here are several biblical ways.

First, treat him with respect. He is called by God to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and to be a shepherd to your soul. The Apostle Paul urged the church in Thessalonica "to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." To Timothy he spoke: "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine."

A Strange Request This leads us to the second consideration for our relationship to our pastor. It is a strange one! Twice in the New Testament the Apostle Paul called for the brethren not only to be followers of Christ, but as he said, "Be ye followers of me." In Corinthians he further advises Christians to "submit" to their ministers. The author of Hebrews speaks in the same vein: "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. . . . Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls."

Today we do not want anyone over us. But the New Testament says that we are to "submit" to the minister. This sounds so foreign to our ears. Yet, perhaps churches would be happier if they followed this biblical course. Recently a pastor left a large church. The reason the people would not follow his leadership.

The third way in which to treat your minister is to pray for him. This was the request of the writer to the Hebrews, "Pray for us." Many times Christians pray for relatives, the church, and missionaries, but forget to pray for the pastor. Your minister is flesh and blood just as you are. He has his trials and temptations just as you do. Into his life come heartaches similar to yours. The pastor of a local church is faced with a hard task, for he must answer to God for the spiritual health of his church. Pray for him. The way of prayer is better than the way of destructive criticism.

The fourth way to treat your minister is to remember to thank him. Showing gratitude will help him and will bless the church. Jesus once healed ten lepers. Only one remembered to say "thank you." Such is human nature. The ministry can some-

SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley



SOME WOES ON WOMEN

There is something deeply disturbing about the attitude toward life of the modern North American woman.

Men haven't really changed much, basically, since Julius Caesar and his boys crossed the Rubicon. They still like to make war and make love; they still drink more than is good for them; they still like playing games better than improving their property; they still have some romance and illusion in their souls; they still loathe facing up to family problem in little "talks" with their mates.

Take a modern politician, drape him in a toga, and he'd be right at home in the senate of ancient Rome. Take a modern general, hang a sult of armour and a helmet on him, stick him on a horse, and you wouldn't know him from a Crusader of the middle ages.

But take a modern woman out of her modern kitchen, away from her wall-to-wall broodroom and dump her in a thatched-roof cottage with outside facilities and no detergents and what would you have? A screaming meemie; that's what you'd have. Even if Mr. and Mrs. Will Shakespeare lived in the thatched cottage next door.

This comment is written more in sorrow than in anger. I don't put all the blame on the creatures themselves, I think their greedy materialism, relentless reality, and total lack of appreciation of the finer things in life — like their husbands — are a result of the stresses of the age. Too much warmed-over psychology. Too much hard-sell advertising.

They all want to look like Paris models. But they don't do enough physical work and they eat too much. So they get fat. There's a stress right there.

They all want their children to be handsome and brilliant. So they spend thousands of dollars straightening the kids' eyes and teeth and pushing them at school and nagging them about music lessons and comparing them unfavourably with kids who are handsome and brilliant. Their own kids, naturally, respond by getting fat and pimply, needing braces and glasses; growing neurotic, and failing their exams. Another stress.

They all want their husbands to be a combination of Richard Burton, J. P. Morgan, and Caspar Milquetoast. That's a little rough to come by these days, so they take it out on the poor Adam they got out of the grab-bag. Frustration and guilt. Two more stresses.

They crave security. More and more of it. So they push their men harder and harder to build up a bigger and bigger estate, and more and more insurance, in order that they can join the hordes of lonely widows in Florida, sitting around telling each other what a grand chap poor Herman was before he worked himself to death 30 years ago.

They all want to be loved and cherished. And they spend all their time complaining about their health, their children, their husbands, and all the things other women have that they don't. Who's going to love and cherish a walkie-talkie with a built-in whine?

They all want to be beautiful. And they all go around with lips pressed tight, mouth turned down, and a big scowl. When was the last time you heard your wife singing, Jack?

There's only one solution, of course, for the girls, and it would not be a popular one. The answer is back to the scrub-board and the sewing-machine, the vegetable garden and the preserving kettle.

I would not have you think these few observations are offered in an unkindly spirit. They are merely the result of overhearing a conversation today between my Old Battleaxe and her sidekick across the street.

For half an hour, they vied with each other in relating, with chapter and verse, what useless articles Bill and John (incidentally, two of the sweetest guys in town) turned out to be.

times tend to be a thankless task, but you can help to remedy this. Some have thought that a pastor should get too big, but a little "thank you" never hurt anyone. It is particularly good to remember him on special days such as Christmas. The gift might not be great but your thoughtfulness will mean much.

Criticized, Despised, Crucified Finally, and most important, treat your minister with love. Ministers have been criticized, despised, and crucified — but Bible churches should have Bible ways. Let us look at 1 Corinthians 13 and measure our love to our ministers by this spiritual yardstick: Are we patient?

Are we kind? Is it a kindness that extends to action? Are we jealous of the pastor and his position? Do we act rudely when he does not agree with us? Is our congregation selfish, not fulfilling its obligation to support him adequately? Does he irritate us by his ways and his preaching to the point that we become extremely critical of him? Are we glad when he makes a slip, or do we rejoice with him in his victories? Are we slow to expose his faults, or do we pass them on?

Let us resolve only to love our minister and his family and to put off all those negative qualities that just do not belong in the Christian life.

Roamin' Around . . .

A book, entitled "With The Wind In My Face" is soon to be published. The author is Mr. Jan Falkowski of Uxbridge, a renowned fighter pilot with the Polish Airforce during World War II. His many exciting experiences are contained within the book's 250 pages and we would recommend it as a prize possession for any home or public library. Mr. Falkowski is, in fact, such an amazing man, that no descriptive portion of his life-story could ever surpass reality. He began his memoirs twelve years ago and, when nearly completed, he laid it aside. At that time, the book market was flooded with war stories and he felt that his would only run with the rising tide. Following a crash-landing in a B.C. muskeg when both he and his wife were all but given up for dead, he decided to return to his task. It is now ready to go to press, possibly next week. The front cover presents a scene so exiting in itself that one is forced to delve into the facts contained within. It shows the writer plunging earthward as his disabled Hurricane goes down in flames. Following the invasion of his country by Germany in 1939, Mr. Falkowski escaped by plane, truck and train to France. When France was over-run by the Germans, he joined the R.A.F. in England and later was made Commanding Officer of Polish Squadron 303. Six times he was decorated for bravery including the Vir Tuti Mili Tari, a medal equal to the Victoria Cross. He received the Distinguished Flying Cross from the King and the Polish Distinguished Service Order on four occasions. He was twice shot down in action, twice wounded and twice captured by the enemy. He escaped both times. In 1941 while in combat action over England, he destroyed a German bomber. Before it went down, however, his Hurricane was badly riddled by bullets and he had to bale out. In attempting to jump clear of the craft, his one leg was broken when hit by the tail. His squadron claimed a total of 204 enemy aircraft. Jan personally shot down 10 and teamed up with another pilot to gain half credits on another. Out of the 3,000 pilots who took part in the historic Battle of Britain, less than 1,000 are now alive. A gala reunion will be held in England on Sept. 15th to mark the occasion of that defensive miracle. Mr. and Mrs. Falkowski plan to attend. In reference to the book, solicitor Paul Mingay of Markham paid the writer this tribute in a personal letter — "I read every word in two sessions because I couldn't put it down." We could describe it in no better way. We hope to be one of the first to own a finished copy.

Economy may be the watchword of the C.N.R. but one day last week a freight unit rolled through Stouffville containing four diesel engines, one car and a caboose.

Den Kidd is operating a night-shift at his machine shop west of town as the lawn mower repair trade continues to boom. The majority of complaints are "It won't work." Last week, one fellow had a different problem. He claimed he couldn't get his mower stopped.

John Ross, operator of the Markham Bowling Centre isn't bragging too much these days although he recently shot a hole-in-one at a course on the Don Mills Road. The problem was, the ball rolled into a ground hog hole. John was all for digging it out but rather than hold up the game, he charged himself two strokes.

Congratulations to Lil Abraham of Stouffville on winning the ladies' division of the big President's Day golf tournament at Steep Hollow on Saturday.

Deputy-Reeve Ken Laushway denies that he has a private water hook-up between his home on Park Drive and the new well in Whitchurch Twp. This has been suggested by some of his neighbours since his lawn is always green, even in the dead heat of summer while theirs look like the Sahara Desert. The truth of the matter is that Mr. Laushway has installed a home-made irrigation system at the rear of his lot, making use of a small stream that cuts through the area.

Many people consider Penicillin as a cure-all but did you know that in the United States during the past thirteen years, it has killed on an average of 1 person every 5 days.

Whitchurch Twp. police will raise the Elmer Safety Flag at the Bloomington Public School on Thursday afternoon (today) at 1 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 16th, the two Stouffville Public Schools will hold their annual Field Day competition. This event has been held since 1956. It is interesting to reflect back and note the names of the various champions of that year — (Sr.) — Shirley Symes, Gary Byer; (Int.) — Elaine Forsyth, Faye Byer (tie) and Norm Tindall; (Jr.) — Carol Kennedy and Jim Malloy. Other senior winners to the present day include — Clara Mullen, Marjorie Sobol, Bernadine Terwoerds, Donna Knox, Linda Walley; Yvette Malloy; Peter Salmon, Glenn Jackson, Richard Heinsman, Jim Hill, Rick Spang and Pat Smith. It's hard to believe but some of these girls and boys are now married with families.

Plan to attend the big dance at Fred Lewis' premises, Altona on Friday evening from 9 p.m. to midnight. Music is by Art Celste and it's all for FREE.

Honda motorbikes are all the craze but Sgt. Robt. Hood of Markham Twp. police isn't too keen over the trend. He feels that too many owners are inexperienced and he fears that serious accidents could result. He also claims that the majority are buying the lighter machines that cannot be easily controlled at high speeds in heavy traffic.

Local boy makes good. This saying could apply to Mr. C. J. Laurin, once the chairman of the Planning Board in Markham Twp. Mr. Laurin is now the Chairman of the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Board and from all reports, seems to know his business.

The Stouffville swimming pool was a hive of activity over the weekend and the water was wonderfully warm. Remember folks, it's HEATED now. Adults only are invited every evening, Monday to Friday from 8 to 9 p.m.

Work was started last week on the erection of a new fence along the east side and south end of the town bowling green. Mr. Les Morganson and assistants are in charge of the job.

It's a small world. Last week, Mr. Alex Brown, an exchange junior farmer from Scotland, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, conc. 6, Whitchurch. He learned that a Ringwood resident, Mrs. Norman Fockler had attended the same public school in 1937 near Aberdeen that he had in 1951 and in fact had received instruction under the same teacher.

We understand that Stouffville police are keeping a rather close eye on gravel trucks as they enter the town limits on the 9th conc. north. Several have received tickets, either for over-loads or speeding. Residents in that area will be pleased to know that some action has been taken.

In this same regard, we have been watching gravel trucks lately in the Bloomington area, a location that has been the centre of much discussion. We can honestly say that we have never seen drivers more careful than those employed by Commercial Sand and Gravel. The same thing has been observed by the residents in the district and these folk aren't prone to hand out bouquets of this kind unless they are well deserved.

Susan Nigh, who has brought athletic honours to both herself and her school, will compete in the O'Keefe Competitions in Toronto on Thursday of this week.

Reeve and Mrs. Win Timbers have added their names to the list of donors of a fully furnished room at the new Parkview Senior Citizen's Home. We feel that local townfolk have responded admirably in the promotion of this very worthy venture.

Municipal leaders in the municipalities surrounding Metro (and that includes Stouffville) are awaiting with much interest the presentation of the Goldenberg Report that is scheduled for release on or about June 15th.

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