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NOTES and COMMENTS

Maple Syrup Season

Sap in local sugar maples has begun to run and delicious maple syrup is being offered for sale. Last week local makers, Sam Fretz and Robt. Ratcliff, reported a good run with cold nights, warm sun in the daytime, and some snow on the ground.

In a big year, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick together produce some 3,000,000 gallons, including what is processed into sugar. About 40 per cent goes to the United States, roughly half of it to flavor tobacco, and most of the remainder is mixed with cane syrup.

Experts are unable to account for the variations in the sweetness of sap. Generally it takes 35 gallons of sap to produce a gallon of syrup but in certain seasons the sap is much richer in sugar. One year the sap was so sweet it only required 17 gallons.

What Is A Fair Price For Milk?

Toronto housewives have been paying 20 cents a quart for milk, pasteurized, bottled and delivered to their doors. A few days ago the Milk Board authorized an increase of one half cent a quart, in order to satisfy the dairies who claimed they could not meet labour demands without an increase.

All this is being done in the interests of the producers and the handlers of the commodity. The only people who are not being consulted are the consumers who have to pay for it all.

But who can speak for the huge mass of unorganized consumers; who can say what is a just price for a quart of milk; or what is a fair distribution of such price among the various parties engaged in the production, processing, and distribution of the commodity?

The fairest price for milk is the lowest price that will induce men to produce, process and distribute it in sufficient quantities to supply the need. The only instrument known to man that can determine this price is the free action of competitive market.

If city dwellers are not satisfied with the prices they are being charged for milk, they should encourage more and freer competition, in the supplying of it.

Small Town Export

The biggest industry in our town is the education of our children. Our schools represent our most costly investment and more of our money is spent in keeping them operating each year than any other civic enterprise.

The product of our schools — our educated young people — is our most important export.

Youth from the small towns and country districts of Canada too often look to the cities for opportunities. Particularly is this so in many sections of the country where industries and hence jobs are concentrated in the large urban centres.

The cities' gain is the small towns' loss. And the small towns need educated young people to give leadership, to aid progress, to prepare themselves to take over in business and industry and civic affairs from the older people when they wish to retire from active life.

Somehow industry — and opportunities — must be decentralized in Canada for the nation's good. Some of our cities are becoming too big with too great a concentration of industry in too small an area. The time may come when, because of imminent threat of air attacks, industries may have to be moved from the cities to the country towns.

It appears to us that such a move would be wise now as part of our defence preparations. Not only would this decentralization be sensible as a defence measure, it would be sensible from the viewpoint of giving industrial workers a chance to live in more pleasant, more healthful surroundings.

As we have also pointed out in previous editorial comment, such industrial growth in small centres such as Stouffville, is the one immediate way in which the heavy educational tax burden can be headed off. However, like the weather, everyone talks about it, but no one does anything about it. Local efforts toward inducing industry to locate here appear to be in about this same category.

With more industries located in small towns, the need for our educated youth to leave home to gain opportunities for making a living would be reduced to a minimum.

If a little knowledge is a dangerous thing, where is the man who has so much that he is out of danger?

FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

NATURE LORE HIKES

"The young corn is green brother where the rabbits run, It's blue sky, and white clouds, and warm rain and sun. It's song to a man's soul, brother, fire to a man's brain; To hear the wild bees and see the merry Spring again."

Many poets have sung about the glory of the out-of-doors and there is a touch of the poet about every nature lover who delights to go hiking in the country in any season of the year. Boys and girls like to go exploring. It is excellent for their bodies to spend time in the fresh air and sunshine, and it is good for their powers of observation to look with a keen glance along the trails and woods.

The way to learn about the out-of-doors is not through books, or magazines, or papers, but by direct attention. A parent who wants his child to live with Nature and appreciate her wonders, must be willing to take time to go on expeditions into the countryside with him. If these hikes are linked with a specific goal they are much more fun. Here are some suggestions of things to do during or after a walk in the spring, some of which will be suitable for you to carry out.

Watch for the return and departure of the birds on their migration flights. Make your own calendar marking the name of the bird, a brief description of it, where it was seen, what it was doing and the date on which you observed it. Look up some facts about the birds who come back to your vicinity.

Make an exploration trip along the banks of a stream. Watch the action of the water in washing away the soil. Look for snails, fish, insects, tadpoles and frogs and toads. Bring home some frog's eggs in a large jar of water and watch them develop.

When the wild flowers are beginning to bloom make a trip to see them. Notice the most of them come out in blossom and foliage before the trees are in full leaf. Why is this? Enjoy the wild flowers without picking any but the very common ones—and even then remember that a small bouquet tastefully arranged is more artistic than a large number of flowers crammed into a vase. Be sure you do not pluck Jack-in-the-pulpit, Trillium, Columbine, Lady's Slipper or Marsh Marigold, and never, never tear up Maidenhair Fern. All these are becoming almost extinct in large areas because greedy people have despoiled the woods.

Prepare a sturdy shoe box, with holes for ventilation and a glass on the top for a "cocoon box." Place a cocoon on its twig (if you are fortunate enough to find one). Watch carefully for a moth or butterfly emerging from a cocoon in the late spring. This is one of nature's miracles.

Make an animated tree map, marking all the different kinds of trees which you can identify along the way. If you live on a farm or own a cottage, making a nature trail can be a grand vacation project. Plan to put up permanent markers on each tree and on each marker write the common name of the tree, the scientific name, and one brief interesting fact about it.

Other absorbing things to do when on a hike will likely occur to you or your boy or girl. There is one marvellous thing about the study of nature—no one can ever feel they have learned all there is to know, or enjoyed all there is to enjoy in the out-of-doors.

Dr. Arthur Thompson, the great scientist, once said the beginning of all knowledge was wonder, and wonder was akin to worship. Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote: "Earth's crammed with Heaven, and every common bush afire with God. But only he who sees takes off his shoes."

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York East Member Writes

Dear Electors of York East.

Some MPP's have taken to feeding the rest of us. Charles Cox, MPP for Fort William, was in Florida for the first week or so of the session and he sent each party a large and beautiful wicker basket packed with tree-ripened oranges, boxes of nuts, etc. Fletcher Thomas, the Conservative member for Elgin gave us all apples from his own farm, very good ones; and Bill Dennison, CCF member for Rosedale, put a container of honey on each desk; all very nice until my turn comes. Now if I were a good cook, I could put a pie on each desk, or a cake or something, however it is a bit risky with a large number of members sick already.

Five or more Government bills were introduced during the week and on each occasion that the amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act appears, there is some hot argument and many speeches but for the most part, last week's debates were non-contentious. The Throne speech goes on in and around the various bills; personally I think it is a tidier method to clean the Throne speech up and then the Bills.

Some of the liveliest exchanges of the week took place during the speech of Fred Robinson (CCF, Port Arthur), on the Government's Forest policy. The Hon. Harold Scott, (Minister of Lands and Forests), had said earlier that the forest inventory is now nearing completion and that "the evolution from inventory to forest management is coming as rapidly as the inventory is completed for each part of the Province." Mr. Robinson aroused the ire of the Premier and other Cabinet ministers when he claimed that the Government was actually only dealing with side issues and was not tackling the real problems of forest management at all.

Mr. Robinson's view was that the Government should gradually work towards a policy of complete public control over the forests so that the present disjointed system, torn by the desires of opposing factions (the pulpwood and sawmill interests) will be replaced by a system in which wood is selected and channeled into the uses for which it is best suited.

The Hon. John Foote, V.C., (Minister of Reform Institutions), made a contribution to the problem of alcoholism to which he has given considerable study in the past two years. Mr. Foote is opening a treatment centre for alcoholism on the grounds of the Mimico Reformatory. He can see no sense in putting people in reformatory or jail for alcoholism since he believes that it is a disease with deep, underlying causes.

There is an important place for legislation, Mr. Foote believes, in dealing with the "question of drinkers either light, medium or heavy", but alcoholism "should be treated in the medical field and not in the legislative field." He believes that the causes of alcoholism

PRE-SEASON DEER HUNT BY BOW, ARROW URGED

Hunting and Field Archers' Association of Ontario advocated an open season for the hunting of deer with bow and arrow two weeks before the opening of the regular season, at the Fish and Game Committee of the Legislature last week.

It was suggested that the arrow was a safe method of killing game in heavily populated districts where a rifle would be dangerous.

Increasing popularity of both ice and summer fishing on Lake Simcoe will bring more active supervision by the Department of Lands and Forests.

Game Minister Harold Scott told the committee that a patrol boat would be stationed on the lake next summer that a machine, equipped for ice travel, would make the rounds of fishing huts during the winter.

The Minister's announcement followed representations from the Orillia Sportsmen's Association that illegal methods were being used to take fish during the winter by "snagging" fish with fixed hooks through the ice. He showed several pieces of the illegal equipment to the committee.

Blake Uren, representing the Association, said that his organization had been successful in rearing pheasants for liberation in the area.

A closed season for pickerel from Oct. 15 to May 15 was advocated by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. They also urged that the legal limit be raised to 15 inches in place of the present 13.

The Federation also suggested that the present legal size for black bass be raised from 10 to 12 inches.

lie in the physiological and psychological fields.

It has always seemed to me nonsense to put a person in confinement for thirty days for over-indulgence in alcohol and keep on doing it time after time with the same individual, yet not treating him or her in any way. I remember when I visited Mimico Reformatory. The police wagon came in and the first man out of it was an old man with a long grey beard. The Superintendent who was at that time Harold Wright, said "so Grandpa's back with us again. He just goes in and out." I asked on what charge he was picked up and he told me that sometimes it was for directing traffic on Yonge St. Think of the cost of the various convictions. It would certainly be more sensible to try to cure alcoholics though it would be more sensible still to prevent them from being in the first place.

We are all waiting anxiously to see what the Hon. Tom Kennedy is bringing down in the Bills he has given notice of. The notice states that there are amendments to the Milk Control Act, and the Farm Products Marketing Act. Agnes Maphail.

DAYS OF YORE

From the Files of the Stouffville Tribune 29 Years Ago

Goodwood—The church has been asked to contribute to the Famine Fund for starving children of Russia. They need more than sympathy.

The Stouffville U. F. O. and U.F.W.O. concert held in Ratcliff's Hall was a splendid success. The leading feature of the evening a play entitled "A Perplexing Situation" was given. Several comic songs were rendered by Mr. Jesse Cook also a pantomime in which Mr. Dave Stouffer, Miss Alma Bruels and Mrs. S. W. Hastings took part. Readings were given by Mrs. Joe Cooney, Mrs. Barkey, Mrs. Ross Winterstein and Mr. Keith Tarr. The proceeds amounted to \$112, part of which goes to Russian Relief and the remainder to other charitable purposes.

Mr. R. C. Ratcliff has been busy of late repairing his mill dam which was washed out by the freshest a couple of weeks ago.

Mr. Wilbert Greenbury spent the weekend in town.

Stouffville Baseball Club met on Tuesday evening and re-organized for the coming season with the following officers: Hon. Pres., W. H. Shaw; Past. Pres., W. J. Mather; Pres., Dr. S. S. Ball Sec., K. R. McLeod; Treas., J. B. Sanders.

Claremont—William Birkitt and wife returned last week from a Toronto visit.

McLaughlin buggy for sale, good as new. Dawson Davis, Montreal Street.

A pretty good firm is Watch & Waite, and another is Attit, Early & Layte; and still another is Doo & Daire; But the best is probably Grin & Baret.

Notes from Old Minutes Book

Queen's Hotel, Jan. 6, 1894. The meeting of the Stouffville Association for the apprehension and conviction of Felons was held on the above date and place. The treasurer read his report which showed that the total expense for the year was ten dollars. He had received \$12 from the secretary representing that many new members, which left a balance on hand of \$79.37. The following officers were elected: Pres., James J. Rae; Vice-Pres., John Baker; Sec., A. S. Leaney; Treas., Phillip Wideman.

Managing Committee, William Coxworth, Wm. B. Sanders, Thos. J. Dougall, Jacob Hoover, James O'Brien, Jas. McConnochie, Robt. Sangster, Hiram Johnson, Jacob Burkholder.

Moved by Robt. Sangster, sec. by N. Grieves that the secretary receive the sum of five dollars for his services. Carried. Moved by James O'Brien, sec. Jas. McConnochie that the thanks of this society be tendered to our worthy treasurer. Carried.

Moved by Maxson Jones, seconded by Jacob Hoover that our trusted and well tried president be tendered the thanks of this society for his services for the past year. Carried.

A lengthy discussion was engaged in by nearly all the members of the society present as to whether it was advisable to admit the son of a deceased member to the society, without the requisite fee of \$1.00. Moved by H. Johnson, seconded by Robt. Sangster that no person be admitted a member of this Society without the membership fee of \$1.00 accompanying the application, anything in the minutes to the contrary is hereby rescinded. Carried.

After the meeting the following members were appointed a committee of Minute Men: Wm. Coxworth, William Reynolds, James O'Brien, John Baker, Jas. McConnochie, Thos. J. Dougall, Robt. Sangster, John Baker.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Sunnybrook Hospital, Stouffville Tribune, Mr. Editor:

You can call them as you see them. Just released from Sunnybrook after seven weeks in a different section from my usual associates. This time with the finest bunch of first class total physical wrecks you have ever seen. Mostly coughers and groaners bad at night, but o.k. in daytime, the choir starts about mid-night and keeps up until exhaustion sets in near day light.

So come with me and meet the boys who are still in the big battle to get a little more of a lost war, 4th floor "C" block. Big ward and sunrooms.

Ask at the Sisters Station for any of the following, first man or part of same, meet Lawrie LaChapelle one leg and an appetite missing, lots of ulcers and a few other minor ailments. But still cheerful and a swell guy. Next meet the grand old man on the block Mr. Joe Finnigan only 85 and with a clear mind and vision, but lacking appetite and means of navigation.

Then here are two new customers who have not yet had their sentence adjusted, but you can bet they are not there on holidays. So around the big square post, and meet the Mayor of Dividale in the person of Mr. McMillan. His bed will be loaded with rabbits and dogs and things and he will be loaded with a good line of uja capivi, but quite an interesting character in his own rights. Now here is Admiral Edward Layton, still in low gear but with the help of a certain lady in white may soon be in high. Next we come to Sam. Cramp, a small man with big ideas, and in his younger days could swing a mean trowel in fancy mortar. Now his pump is leaking and he will have to put on the brake. Now we meet the guy who just won't stay put, 90 pounds of vim and vigor and a bum cribbage player. His name is Ted Samby he says so? The next section is made up of some more good coughers, such as Sir John A. McDonald without portfolio, Redburn, Leader and Lowe. Then we cross Broadway and up the other side of the Ward to meet Alfred Hurst, John Jordan, and Cecil B. DeMille but he will settle for Waddell. He's not from Hollywood, but is a radio technician and not a promoter.

Now around another big post and you come to where I spent my sentence and enjoyed being among a good bunch of such perfect physical wrecks and I hope another pest has taken my place to stop White from running his portable sawmill at 6 a.m. Over here is Rip VanWinkle, but seeing he has wakened up after 84 years we'll call him Mr. W. H. VanSickle without disability. Then this is Mr. J. S. McElrea, a gentleman and a scholar, who likes "dear sweet old ladies" and loses his bus at the Sportsman's show.

Around another post and meet Don McWhirter, who I guess has gone home, and another fellow up in the age bracket who wishes his name withheld but a good guy anyway. Next is Mr. B. C. Boulton, M.B.E. and he, too is a man of distinction and ability and the last fellow on my list is F. L. Evans who is just on his feet after a close call with the Angels.

So if you are up "4C" way sometime, see these boys, and you may also meet our little sister "Pinkie" Clarke and Tommy the Cleaner, along with other swell staff help. My best wish is that the good Lord will be nice to them and may the wee fairies and Lepreocans dance on their beds and keep them awake the way you bums did to me.

Yours very Forgivingly, W. G. "Sandy" Sanderson, Box 269 Stouffville, Ont.

Grapes are grown on 17,500 acres of land in the Niagara Peninsula every year.

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By STANLEY



YORK COUNTY HEALTH UNIT will hold a clinic for

IMMUNIZATION

AGAINST

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH TETANUS (Lockjaw) and SMALLPOX

FOR PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN (infancy to schoolage) Accompanied by a parent or guardian at the locations and times shown below:

Table with 3 columns: LOCATION, TIME, DATE. Lists various schools and their immunization schedules for April.

Prevent Disastrous Illness & Death York County Health Unit