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NOTES and COMMENTS

Sewers Definitely On The Way

While it's only a guess by the writer, the cost of a sewerage system to serve the needs of Stouffville, would be in the neighborhood of \$450 per house, or approximately \$250,000, basing our cost on those of Richmond Hill. This town is right now in the midst of letting tenders for just such a project.

Such a cost is not impossible for a place of this size, and it is most assuredly coming in the not too distant future, and if the town water system had been placed on a business basis years ago instead of supplying water to hundreds of tenants and all and sundry, at less than actual cost, a sizeable fund could have been accumulated today which might have been applied against a sewerage system. Nothing is so much desired by the ratepayers as a system of sewers that would do away with cesspools and septic tanks, as well as being the answer to flooded cellars in the spring.

The council has only recently been called upon by the local Health Unit, to give the whole matter very serious consideration. Several years will be required to develop the idea and accumulate costs.

What's Wrong With A Means Test?

When a canvasser is soliciting subscriptions for a charity, he should be prepared to answer some questions. The prospective giver, having only a restricted amount to give away after Dominion, provincial and municipal governments have been through his pockets, is naturally desirous that his gift should go where it is most needed. If the organization soliciting his subscription is one intended to relieve poverty, the giver wants to know how many cents of his dollar will actually go in cash or goods to the poor, and how many will be diverted to the payment of office expenses, investigators and other social welfare workers. He may also want to know how the organization decides who should be helped and how the help should be given.

No reputable charity should object to such a means test. It represents only common prudence on the part of the giver. Yet, when Ottawa decides to dispense charity on a lavish scale, it is often argued that a means test is too degrading for the beneficiaries.

A question that might be discussed is whether it is more degrading to accept charity after a need for it has been proved or to accept it when it is not needed.

Higher Low Heels

High or low heels on women's shoes? That is a never-ending controversy. One school of thought believes that wearing still heels for special occasions is enough to ruin feet and another insists that a flatfooted generation may develop as a result of flat-heel styles and low loafers.

Both schools are wrong, according to the experts. Most foot authorities agree that high heels worn for short times only are not harmful. It is the constant use of high heels that doctors decry. They should not be worn all day and especially not at business.

The average woman walks 70,000 miles in a lifetime and takes 18,000 steps in an average day. High heels, worn to excess, tend to throw the body forward causing fatigue and squeezing the toes. Lower-heel shoes, because they avoid this tendency of throwing the foot forward, generally maintain better body posture and foot stance.

A woman accustomed to wearing high-heel shoes should make the change gradually as it otherwise might cause acute discomfort. Structural changes have occurred, notably a shortening of the calf muscles, and low heels are apt to cause postural discomfort and temporary strain.

Women need have no fear of the on-the-ground mode if they make sure that they provide sufficient support. This involves a good sole for a stable foundation, combined with sufficient pliability to give muscles free play.

Smart and youthful new styles in low shoes have succeeded in doing what lectures and sermons throughout the generations have failed to accomplish. They have induced many women to come off their high heels for most occasions.

Passing Stouffville By?

A recent report in the Financial Post states that a complete building report of the expansion of industry for 1950 shows that there is a definite turn towards decentralization, and that never before have so many plants been erecting additions and subsidiary concerns in small centres surrounding the City of Toronto.

Scarboro Township which has enjoyed industrial expansion in the past few years rarely equalled in the Dominion, is still drawing a great influx of firms into that area.

A plant for the John Inglis Company which will require about 5,000 workers is under construction. A trailer company which will give employment to about 200 workers — and which moved from Windsor to Scarboro — opened its plant on July 3. Two well known firms, the Thermos Company and the Lambert Pharmaceutical Company, have begun construction of new plants. The largest aeroplane parts manufacturing company in Great Britain is planning a new factory which will eventually comprise 200,000 square feet.

As shown by the latest census figures in town, Stouffville is growing, and most rapidly in recent years. However, this growth, if it is just making the town larger, will mean little, if its economy is not balanced with the proper amount of industrial expansion. This residential population can bring very great headaches, as municipalities such as Markham Township have learned. The provision of schools alone, without industry to help carry the load, can be back-breaking. The demand for additional services for these many new homes, can also be crippling.

Week by week, the population is coming. One can see it each time he drives to Toronto. It continues to roll northward like a tide, and we will certainly need industry to cope with this tide as it reaches our town.

Industry can be secured if the proper effort is made in that direction. Little or no strenuous effort has ever been made here to secure a share of this industrial activity which is forcing Toronto's outer rim further and further northward.

This is a question which Stouffville municipal, business, and service club leaders might well give serious study to, and definitely more so than in the past.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

HAPPY TIMES OUTDOORS

By Nancy Cleaver  
"I can't keep Johnny in his own yard! He is only four and already he is roaming all over the neighborhood. I am terrified he'll get run over or wander off and get lost. Spanking has failed to keep him home. What am I to do?"

How many parents of pre-school children are puzzled by the difficulty of keeping their child at home! What could Johnny's mother do to solve her problem?

First of all, she should try to put herself in Johnny's shoes, to discover why he wanders off. Likely he is seeking something to do. What healthy child ever wanted to be idle? Then, too, he wants companionship. He is looking for other children to play with.

Johnny's mother should try to see their back yard through Johnny's eyes. Is it a very appealing sight? Has time or thought or money been spent on play equipment?

Play is a child's work—and he needs "tools" to keep him employed. He also needs friends for part of his play time. The task of keeping an eye on the "small fry" is very much easier if they are busy. For the very tiny tot an enclosed play space is a health and safety necessity. When he grows out of his play pen, he is still too young to be trusted to play near a busy road. Any parent reading a daily newspaper, with its numerous accounts of small children who have been knocked down and injured or even killed by passing traffic, will not dispute this.

A good sand box is one of the best investments for small children. Look at the picture of one in any large catalogue. You will likely decide that it can be built by father out of large, discarded wooden boxes at a fraction of the cost of a "store sand box." A low wall of bricks may be used instead of wood.

A little shade for sunny days is appreciated by the sand diggers. If no kind tree spreads its limbs in the yard, a sun umbrella or an awning shade, on four corner supports can be constructed. Small seats, either in the corners or built around the outside, add to the children's comfort. A wooden box for small pails, shovels and little cars should be nearby. The box should be covered at night

with a canvas or wooden cover in order to keep the sand clean.

A swing is another wonderful source of fun and provides exercise for a variety of muscles. The movement of a swing has a fascination for a child. Older children delight in a jungle gym or monkey bars for climbing and these too, can be made by an enterprising father.

If no convenient tree's limbs are handy for a swing, plan to construct a safe, durable framework. If possible, make it a double swing, so two children can use it. Dig two holes for the posts and construct a wall for the underground cement base. Rocks add to the anchorage. The cross bar must be firmly fastened to the upright posts. Side supports for the posts or guy wires are a help too.

A child's play house, made from odds and ends of lumber is another wonderful centre of activity for tea parties and house-keeping with a doll family. Little boys glory in a tent or tepee and this can be made from ordinary potato bags if heavier factory cotton or tent material is too expensive.

Other ideas for play equipment are described in books on Recreation in the Public Library. Take a look at them and see if there is something which you can make which your family would enjoy.

If possible, visit a Sports Department in a store and look over their "Best Sellers." The old fashioned games like lawn croquet and horse-shoes with rubber shoes (for small fingers) and quoits are much in demand. There are also many customers asking for halmocks and two seated lawn swings. Don't neglect the inexpensive items like skipping ropes. Perhaps you could stretch your budget to include one of these.

Discuss plans for play equipment in an informal Family Council, if your children are of school age. Let everyone share in the plans and the work and the cost of new recreation material—because everyone will enjoy it. Good times at home unify a family and give the children golden memories of their childhood. John Masefield wrote truly for both children and grownups when he said: "Best, trust the happy moments!" and "The days that make us happy make us wise."

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MAKE YOUR WISE OPINIONS PAY OFF

What do you do when the neighbor's dog paws up your front flower bed? Or a tea guest stays till too late, to prepare your husband's dinner?

Wise opinion on touchy subjects such as these can win you \$25, at this year's C.N.E. In the "If You Were Dorothy Dix" competition, questions will be thrown to all entrants on the management of husbands, wives, guests, in-laws, children and dogs.

Ten minutes will be given to ponder each reply, with as long as two minutes to present your answer verbally. Prizes are \$25, for first, \$20, for second, \$15, for third and \$10, for fourth. Contest takes place the evening of Sept. 6, and all entries must be in by Aug. 13.

Make up a party of friends or family and enjoy the fun. Everyone who enters will be given an admittance ticket to the Exhibition grounds. Send your entry to the Women's Division, Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto.

The Athletic Day Track Meet of the Canadian National Exhibition on Saturday, Sept. 1, will further add to Canada's rising prominence in track and field events when Canada's top athletes will compete against many of the world's best.

Housing Costs Continue To Rise

Prospective purchasers of new houses are finding that prices are at least twice what they were for similar structures ten years ago, and that they are \$1,000 or \$2,000 higher than they were in 1949. Officials of the Central Mortgage & Housing Corporation estimate that the cost of building a bungalow type of dwelling is rising about \$1,000 per annum. Though this is sad news for families looking for new homes the reason for the increase in house prices is no mystery. They have been following the rising curve in the wages of labor and the cost of materials. Just so long as these continue going up the public may expect to see a corresponding rise in the price of dwellings. The building industry has not been able to devise methods which would simplify building methods or reduce the cost of erecting a wall or laying a floor.

When comparing the prices of houses today with prices ten years ago it should be borne in mind that the weekly or monthly income of a majority of people is considerably greater than a decade ago. The number of dollars received has increased though their buying power has decreased. Consequently the higher prices being asked for houses has not prevented thousands of people in the artisan class acquiring homes and paying for them on a monthly basis. A tour of the suburban districts reveals new communities with streets of new houses many of which are owner occupied.

But with the price of new houses continuing to rise, families in the lower middle income groups are finding it increasingly difficult to make the initial down payments that are asked. The Dominion Government's suspension last February of the 1950 provision for higher loans on new properties has meant that many families are prevented from buying homes because they cannot scrape together 20 per cent. of the purchase price for the down payment. —The Telegram.

MINISTERS TO GET RADIO, MOVIE TRAINING

Courses in radio broadcasting and movie projection are being added to the summer school course for rural clergymen opening at Ontario Agricultural College July 30. Other subjects include soil conservation, economic problems, field crops, livestock, farm machinery and poultry.

BANKS SEEK 5-DAY WEEK

Now it's the banks who want a five-day week. The Canadian Bankers' Association has asked Finance Minister Douglas C. Abbott to help them get it.

Federal law makes it mandatory for the banks to stay open Saturday unless a legal holiday happens to fall on that day, and a five-day week would call for a special act of parliament.

350 shut-ins were driven by Red Cross Corps' members during last year.

A hospital on wheels is provided by the Red Cross. The car is provided by the C.N.R. The hospital car is a demonstration of the Outpost program and is situated at outlying parts of the province for varying periods of time.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



DAYS OF YORE

From the Files of The Stouffville Tribune — 28 Years Ago —

We had an interesting caller at the Tribune office last Thursday in the person of Jacob Barkey of Goodwood, who was in to renew his Tribune. Mr. Barkey is 86 years of age, but doesn't look a day over 65. He is hale and hearty, and was born on the 10th concession of Markham where he was raised. Mr. Barkey was here visiting his son, Isaac of the Stouffville foundry (Stouffville Machine and Tool Works), and with Dan. Hoover, a cousin, in Markham township, who is 91 years of age.

"Look here!" exclaimed the stranger as he stumbled into his twentieth puddle, "I thought you said you knew where all the bad places were on this road." "Well," replied the native, who had volunteered to guide him through the dark, "we're a-finding them, ain't we?"

The Y.P.M.S. of the Memorial Christian Church, Stouffville, will hold an open air meeting on the lawn at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alf. Collins on June 29th. Mr. Bruce Morton the outgoing missionary of the Ontario Conference will address the meeting with a talk on Porto Rico; also a good program will be given.

— 10 Years Ago —

The old home farm at Victoria Square was the scene of a happy family gathering on Friday, July 18th, when Mrs. T. W. Klinck and her son Dr. L. S. Klinck and bride of Vancouver, joined with the local members of the family, about forty in number.

There will be general regret among the Holstein breeders of York County should Lloyd Turner not defer the transfer of his prize animal, Betsy Roebuck Dixie, to the Griswold Hopkins farm at Minnesota, whose buyer came to Stouffville last week, and in short order closed a deal for the purchase of this fine cow at \$600 cash. Mr. Turner informed the Tribune that while he holds the offer of sale, transfer may be deferred until the close of the C.N.E.

Dr. Isabelle Booth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Booth, is locating at St. Catharines, where she will be identified with a prominent child specialist in medical practice.

Joan Baxter, (Mrs. Ted Cadieux) student at Stouffville Continuation School here last year, has taken a position on the Bank of Commerce staff here.

Mr. Jos. Mertens sold a fine Guernsey cow, five years old, to the Jack Frazer farms at Unionville. Mr. Mertens asked an even \$100, as the cow was registered, and a good type of the breed.

— 5 Years Ago —

For the first time in the history of the United Church of Canada an ordained minister was married by his sister in a ceremony at the Victoria Square United Church. The principals of the unique wedding were Capt. Eldridge Argyle Currey and Lieut. Doris Boddy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Boddy, Oshawa. Rev. Erla M. Currey performed the ceremony.

Ken Vagg, local business man, can boast of selling 190 rings in a single order, going to the Township of Whitchurch. The rings will be gifts for the returned men as decided on by the municipal council.

There were 14 rinks entered in the mixed doubles bowling competition held on the local greens on Monday evening. First prize went to J. McCutcheon's rink from Oshawa; 2nd to Geo. Reid, Oshawa; 3rd prize, F. Carruthers, Stouffville; 4th, Jas. Briscoe, Claremont. Last week three local ladies came home with the Ella Lons trophy which was presented to the Newmarket Club for annual competition in 1937. The Stouffville rink which captured the cup this year comprised, Mrs. Lud Hoover, Mrs. Thos. Jennings, Mrs. Gordon Lemmon (s).

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dougherty attended the Centennial celebration at Creemore on Sunday.

6,141 articles of sick room equipment were loaned by Red Cross during the last year.

Voice of Prophecy Bible Questions And Answers

Question—Can a man be forgiven the worst sin?  
Answer—Our answer is found in the first part of Matthew 12:31: "Wherefore I say unto you, all manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men." (See Isaiah 1:18.)

Q.—What is a "holy convocation," as mentioned in Leviticus 23?

A.—A gathering for religious services. (See Numbers 28:25; Exodus 12:16.)

Q.—I have been told that the Holy Bible condemns drunkenness. Is it true?

A.—Yes, and it also condemns those who make others drunk. "Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 6:10. "Woe unto him that giveth his neighbour drink, that putteth the bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also." Habakkuk 2:15.

Q.—What were the cities of refuge, and how many were there?

A.—The six cities of refuge were appointed by Moses and Joshua at the command of God. They were places of safety for those who had taken human life unintentionally. There such persons were assured a fair trial and were required to remain until the death of the high priest. (See Exodus 21:13; Numbers 35:11-28; Joshua 20.)

Q.—Have the people who were destroyed by the Flood in Noah's day been resurrected?

A.—They have not, but they will be. We read in John 5:28, 29: "Marvel not at this; for the hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

NATIONALIZE BEER, LIQUOR, CHURCH PAPER DEMANDS

The United Church Observer, twice-monthly magazine of the United Church of Canada, last week called for nationalization of Canada's liquor and beer industries.

The editorial charged that the "little fellows" had been "squeezed out" of the industries, making nationalization much simpler than it would have been some years ago.

"All the government would have to do would be to take over the management of a business that had already been prepared—albeit unwillingly—for nationalization by men like Samuel Bronfman (president of the board of directors of Distillers Corp., Seagrams, Ltd.)."

The editorial said the leader in the drive "for monopoly control" of the brewing industry is Canada Breweries "under the direction of E. P. Taylor. (It) is bending every effort at the moment to get control of Norman Dawes' National Breweries interests."

BOBCAYGEON STAYS "DRY" IN CLOSE VOTE

For the fourth time in the last 12 years, the "drys" of Bobcaygeon defeated the "wets" when voting took place Wednesday to determine whether there should be liquor store and a brewers' warehouse.

The margin of victory was narrow, those in favor of the two outlets falling to get the required 60 per cent. majority by only 25 votes on each issue.

The voting on a liquor store was 381 in favour and 208 against. Those in favor of a brewers' warehouse numbered 389 with 301 opposing. There were 22 spoiled ballots on the liquor question and 20 on the warehouse.

This village is situated in Verulam Township which will vote on the same issues in September.