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NOTES and COMMENTS

Must We Have A Fatality First?

The opinion is frequently voiced that necessary warning signals such as flasher lights or bells are not installed at railway crossings until such crossings have been the scene of a fatality. It is incredible to think that any government department, such as the Ontario Highway Department would operate under such a system.

However, instances sometimes seem to bear out such contention, and have done so locally this year. Possibly one of the most dangerous crossings in this locality, has become the No. 7 Highway crossing at Unionville. It is not dangerous from the point of view of heavy traffic on the railway line, but from the fact that the view is badly blocked for the motorist in almost any direction.

While there have been no fatalities here several crashes occur there each year, and one of them will eventually prove to be a fatality. Motor traffic on this important highway artery has increased by leaps and bounds, increasing the chance of mishap. Langstaff and Gormley were in similar positions, but since fatalities have occurred at both these crossings, proper warnings have now been installed. The matter of opening an agitation for a warning signal was discussed briefly at Markham Township Council last week, and this may prove necessary if precaution is not taken before it's too late.

This is Important

Stouffville Municipal Council has important business to attend to this Thursday evening. Council will convene to revamp the town water rates as laid out by bylaw. This stepping up of the water rates in Stouffville is long overdue. The system is pitifully short of funds, and it is a ridiculous situation for this public utility to be giving practically free water to hundreds of consumers in town who contributed nothing to the establishing of the system over the years.

The water system is continually facing expansion and improvements. The time is not far distant when a definite change must be made in the reservoir storage capacity. Both reservoirs are in a bad state of repair, but a large expenditure of this nature would have to come under debenture because the reserves in the water department are next to nil.

Both domestic and commercial water rates will be up for revision. While there is no inkling of how large an increase in the domestic rate is planned by council, the yearly rate could certainly be increased half as much again, and Stouffville users would still have the cheapest water service in the County of York. Commercial users, such as manufacturers, restaurants, barber shops, and gardeners, who make money out of the town water and could not operate their businesses without it, will also be in line for a raise in rate. What these concerns are paying today is a mere pittance, and like the householders, should pay a much higher and more equitable rate according to the use that is made of the water.

Stouffville has a wonderful system, it should not be neglected by miserly financing.

Now is the Time

The holidays are over, most people are back on normal schedules for the fall and winter seasons again, and a more-or-less ordered way of life has been restored to the home. With this change in routine another change is rapidly taking place—a change in temperatures. Yes sir, the cooler days are here again and the nights will be cooler still, necessitating the lighting of fires for brief periods to ward off the cold. A reminder that this is true came in the news on Friday when it was reported in a neighboring town, that an oil heater had been turned on, lighted and flared-up, frightening the residents in the home. The heater was found to have been flooded, due to a seepage into the pan during the summer months when it was not used. Actually nothing of a serious nature developed and the condition righted itself. However, not all people might be so fortunate and it is therefore urgent that heating equipment be checked before being put into use again.

Now is the time to get heaters, stoves and furnaces conditioned for the gruelling months ahead

Lost — A Cityful of Torontonians

In the year 1950 Toronto proper — the central municipality as distinct from the satellites — lost 5,617 people. Seven of the nine assessed wards have so far been totalled up for 1951, and the loss in these is an additional 12,376 — a whole cityful of population gone in a single year. It is not thought that Wards Eight and Nine, still to be counted, will materially alter that figure. If they do not, the population will be down from 667,487 to about 655,000, or back to where it was 10 years ago. The peak was 696,555 in 1946.

What is the explanation of the loss? For one thing, young people are marrying and moving outside the city in great numbers. For another, the foreign-origin population of the city is increasing, and many of these people have lived in countries where the less the authorities know, the better. They hesitate to tell how many are in a rooming-house, for example. For these and other reasons, Toronto's population is rapidly going down.

This is one factor in the decreased school attendance — the lowest registration in many years. There is a lower total population, as well as a lower percentage of children in the population. But in the satellite municipalities, the number of school children is skyrocketing, involving costly building projects. —Toronto Star

Pity The Pigs

A hog buyer-going through the country saw a drove of hogs, large but pretty lean, and noticed that they acted quite peculiarly. From one point they would all at once run to another part of the field, stay there for a few minutes, then hump themselves to a different place. They kept this up for some time.

The buyer called on the farmer, said he had been looking at the hogs and they were about what he wanted except they were a little light in weight, and then he mentioned their peculiar nervousness.

The farmer in a hoarse whisper explained that he had always called the hogs to feed them, but that he took cold and lost his voice, and then got in the habit of pounding on the fence with a stick — and now "the darned woodpeckers are running those hogs to death." —Wall Street Journal.

THE OLD HOME TOWN By STANLEY



FOR PARENTS ONLY

(By Nancy Cleaver)

"USED TO SCHOOL" OR ADJUSTING TO SCHOOL LIFE

Three mothers of First Grade scholars were discussing what a change it meant in a child's life to start to school. Tommy, who was bubbling over with physical energy and was naturally talkative, rebelled strongly against the teacher's "Everyone be quiet!" Janet, a slow moving child, inclined to dawdle, found the discipline of the school's time schedule and the demand for instant obedience extremely difficult. Andy, who was inclined to be delicate and was a timid little fellow, was used to playing with the small group of three or four children his age on his block. Now he must try to hold his own in games with twenty or more yelling, pushing youngsters in the school yard.

The change from carefree vacation days to the school schedule is an abrupt one. The adjustment is not easy for most children. These three mothers reflected in their conversation three ways in which a child must get used to school.

The routine at home is usually fairly flexible. A child is free to ask his mother the question which comes into his mind. If he defends his seemingly "naughty" action, mother listens to his explanation before passing judgment. Many children enjoy participating in family discussion on different topics.

But the teacher has a large group in her care. She has a certain amount of work she must cover. It is impossible for each child to talk whenever he feels like it. Although "Quiet please!" may anger Tommy, it is a necessary rule.

Promptness is a major virtue at school. Being late in the morning starts the whole day off wrong for the child and his tardiness is often not his fault. Mother must see that clothes and books are laid out neatly the night before in readiness for the morning scramble. Children should be awakened regularly at an early enough hour so they can go to the toilet, wash, dress and eat without too much rush. A nutritious breakfast with fruit, cereal, milk, bread or toast with jam or honey gives a student energy to go on for the whole morning. Janet may struggle with the "On time, please!" regulation at school. But this is part of her necessary preparation for participation in classroom learning.

The adjustment from a small group to a large one, is, of course, most perplexing for the little child just starting to school. It is a great help to the new scholar if he knows another friend who is also beginning school life. Then he can search for a familiar face among all the strange ones. Every child must find his own place in the school group. This struggle for status is particularly trying for a child like Andy who is timid and not too strong.

The qualities which school children rate high are not necessarily those which parents place at the top of the list. Physical prowess is greatly admired by youngsters. The aggressive, able lad with leadership ability, may use language which mother says is "not nice" but Andy certainly can see that he is "Tops" with the other fellows. The hand-smocked dainty dress which mother made with such loving care may be so different from the sturdy, wash frocks of the other girls, that small May is miserable. A child does not want to be too different from the others!

It is not just the child starting to school for the first time who finds it no easy matter to get used to school. A great host of children every September know from bitter experience that the adjustment from vacation to school days is demanding.

Parents can help by using extra stores of patience and imagination, at this time. The child's behaviour at home often reflects a situation that he can't quite cope with at school. The small boy who yells at little sister and bosses her around may have been afraid to assert himself at school — He wants to prove to himself that he is a "Big Guy!"

At bedtime, if mother watches, a child will often reveal by a chance remark what is troubling him at school. It is such a relief to be able to talk things over! Mother's attitude to school life and to the teacher will color her child's thinking. The teacher needs and deserves the parent's support, whenever possible.

The school and the home should be active partners in the biggest task on earth — the training of today's children for tomorrow's world. A sympathetic, understanding entering into the child's reactions and thinking on the part of the parent and teacher will make the pathway of school, (particularly the hard first day in September) much easier than they would otherwise have been.

Bible Questions And Answers

Question—Who was the king of the Jews who was ruling the world when Christ was born?

Answer—Not a king of Judah, but the Emperor of Rome, Caesar Augustus, was ruling from Palestine to the Atlantic Ocean, when Christ was born. (See Luke 2:1.)

Q.—Does some Bible verse not say that when the earth passes away the Ten Commandments will also?

A.—Just the opposite. Matthew 24:35 says: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words shall not pass away." The commandments were the words of God. Read also Luke 16:17 and Matthew 5:17,18.

Q.—Which day is the Lord's day? Please give your opinion?

A.—My opinion is not worth much, but God's Word is our source of truth on such subjects. Turn to Mark 2:28: "Therefore the Son of Man is Lord also of the Sabbath." It is clear, then, that the Sabbath is the Lord's day. Read also Isaiah 58:13, where the Lord calls the Sabbath "My holy day." This is what the Lord says about the Lord's day.

Q.—Did Jesus ever say that it is right to pay tithes?

A.—Jesus said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithes of mint and anise, and cummin, and have omitted the

weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Matthew 23:23. These men paid tithes even on garden herbs, but omitted other things. Jesus said that they ought to do both.

Q.—I heard a preacher say that we should not exalt Christ too much. What do you think about this?

A.—God has already "highly exalted Him, and given Him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philippians 2:9-11. And in Hebrews 1:8, Christ is called "God" by the Father: "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of Thy kingdom."

Because of an error in the invitations, some wedding guests thought the bride and groom had played a joke on them. On the other hand, the young couple wondered why they lacked an audience. Instead of printing the address of the wedding as "east," the printers put in "west." The opposite address was a funeral home.

You can get everything but a cold off your chest by telling your friends about it.

DAYS OF YORE

From the Files of The Stouffville Tribune

5 Years Ago

The Sarah Ratchiff auction sale today (Thursday). Entire household furniture and the residence where the sale will be held on Albert Street.

Miss Jean Feir (Mrs. Baston) was the fortunate young lady to be present at the Stanley Theatre last week when her name was called for the \$45 gift.

The Picton Gazette tells its readers of the prowess of an old Stouffville boy: "To land two big maskinonge in a half hour period, was the unusual feat of Earl Grubin. The fish were caught in the bay along the Adolphustown shore, not far from the Glenora ferry. The largest fish weighed 26 pounds and the other 20 pounds. He was using a double buffalo."

On Tuesday morning as Mr. Arthur Baker was working on his farm just south of town, two fully grown deer, a buck and doe, ambled across the fields in full view and not far from his barns.

10 Years Ago

On Friday morning a wild duck came to earth on Main Street and being injured was readily caught by Wm. Malloy.

Harry Brown, son of Mrs. N. W. Byer, has been assigned to the H.M.C.S. Vencador as its wireless Telegraphist. The Vencador operates off the West Coast.

Mrs. Jos. Cooney accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Lennox, motored to Elmvale last week bringing back with them Miss Jean Lennox who had gone north for a holiday.

Stouffville Publisher and His Bride—The bride is the former Miss Anne Williamson, school teacher at Richmond Hill and Armitage, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Lee Williamson. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert V. Nolan.

Victoria Square—We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Elliot McClure and family from the community.

Zephyr — Mr. Benson Meyers spent a few days last week at the Lehman home.

Growing old isn't so bad—when one considers the only alternative.

DRIVE-IN-BANK IS PLANNED FOR UNIVERSITY AVE. CORNER

Ontario's first drive-in bank will likely be started at University Ave. and Dundas-St. early next spring, plans shown before the city property committee disclosed last week.

Motorists will be able to drive up a semi-circular driveway at the southeast corner of the intersection and without getting out of their cars get cheques cashed or make deposits through a wicket at car-window height.

W. and W. R. L. Blackwell and Craig, architects for the Bank of Toronto, said it was expected a start might be made next spring. One drive-in bank is operating in Vancouver.

Main intention of the structure to cost close to \$500,000 is to serve motorists now finding difficulty in parking. It is estimated the average bank visitor on wheels can get his business done in about five minutes.

NEW TORONTO TO BARRIE HIGHWAY OPEN

When the new highway opens soon it will not be the complete and perfect job it would have been if cement had been more plentiful. Although it is just the east lane that is opening to traffic, it will be a popular route to Barrie this fall, if only to see the new part of the country that will be opened to the public.

Two lanes of cement have been laid from Wilson Ave. to north of Maple. Beyond Maple the temporary job is completed on the east lane to Barrie. So that the highway could be used, the road was shaped, then a thin lift of crushed gravel was spread, and a cover of asphalt oil, or prime, was used to tie the surface.

Treat the family to

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"What's new?"

AS HE PULLS UP at the end of his day's run, it's just his friendly way of saying "hello". But if there is some important development in town, he expects his friend the bank manager will know about it: "... plans for enlarging the school ... the chance of a new factory opening up ...

It's part of the bank man's job to know his community. His customers expect him to know "what's new" in other parts of Canada and elsewhere, too ... business facts, leads to new markets at home and abroad for farm as well as factory.

You will find your bank manager well posted, and ready to serve you. Chartered banks work that way.

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