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Where is Public Opinion?

A letter such as that written by Ed Peters in last week's Herald is refreshing to receive.

Particularly when so few people nowadays take the time to express themselves in print on any question.

There was a time when scarcely a week went by that some reader contributed his ideas on a pet subject on the Herald pages. In those days Mr. Peters' letter would not have been the subject of editorial comment, for it would have been one of many, but we have become so accustomed to not receiving letters for so long that it came as a surprise, and a welcome one.

We don't mean that we particularly agree with

Mark of Cain

We wish we were the editor of the Jackson, Michigan Citizen-Patriot.

This article by said editor Carl M. Saunders, which appeared in a daily paper recently, expresses what we would like to say so much better than we can say it, that it is reproduced in its entirety. Read it and ponder, for there is something in it for everyone.

In Southern Michigan prison, which is just over Cooper street hill from my office, are hundreds of men who bear the Mark of Cain.

And who was Cain? The man whose crime is the first recorded in the Bible, the murder of his brother.

But outside of that great prison - the largest in the world - are thousands upon thousands of others who share the guilt of Cain in a scarcely lesser sense.

Because it was Cain who asked of the Lord in slurring sarcasm: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

His obvious answer was "No."

And that is the answer of the thousands who turn their faces against others in a negative response to the question "Am I my brother's keeper?"

They not only turn against individuals but as well groups and races. They blanket all with the sins of the few in an arrogant intolerance.

And they belong to no single class, sect or race. They say:

"I was insulted by a Jew. I hate Jews."
 "I found a Methodist, who went to church on Sunday, violating his marriage pledge on Tuesday. Methodists are hypocrites."

Pot Pourri

It's a poor reporter who attends a dinner, lists the guests and omits a couple of names. We were guilty of this at the council-works staff dinner last week, and realized too late that we had not included Bill Walker of the works staff and his wife, and former road chairman James and Mrs. Goodlet among those who enjoyed an evening at Hilltop Lodge. . . . Operations seem to be the thing on Main Street these days, Bahker Jack Hart and merchant Gordon Garner were scarcely home when two civic employees followed their lead and took the vacant hospital beds. Missing from the scene at the present are assessment commissioner Joe Gibbons and hydro superintendent Gerry McCallum. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ball, who built a new house on Main Street south across from the house they rented, moved in last week-end. As did Mr. and Mrs. Harry Adams, whose home in the Orr subdivision has been completed. . . . The Main Street facelifting continues. Guess McClure's can be credited with making the first move, with a large addition and a complete remodelling. Now we have the new Barrager Cleaners in the old Bain premises, with Mr. Barrager also remodelling the upstairs apartment for his own home. . . . Harold Hutchinson has torn out the interior of his smoke and barber shop, to provide better spac-

everything Mr. Peters said. And we wouldn't expect to agree one hundred percent with any writer. We did like his subject matter and the way he presented his arguments. They revealed some thought. . . . and in this fast-moving age of television, speed and go-go we are all too often inclined to let others do our thinking for us.

We hope for more letters to the editor in the future. You don't have to wait until there is some red-hot local political issue. You can have opinions on everyday things, too, or on matters of national importance.

"I know those Catholics. I used to live next to a Catholic family. They never missed early mass, but threw their rubbish in my back yard and their kids broke windows in my house. I want nothing to do with the Catholics."

And so it goes among those who bear in a somewhat lesser degree the Mark of Cain - hatred of these brothers.

It is only small men and small women who thus damn millions for the sins of the few.

In the big prison, which is so near my desk, are Episcopalians, Catholics, Jews, Negroes, Methodists and Mennonites. Criminals all. But outside in this city, which is close to the prison, are fine, understanding, friendly Episcopalians, Catholics, Jews, Negroes, Methodists and Mennonites.

How can any man deny with Cain his kinship and his responsibility for his brothers simply because some among every sect and race are evil?

Living near a prison perhaps is helpful to an understanding of the need for brotherhood. Many - too many - of the more than 6,000 convicts out in Blackman township are there because of hate and intolerance for the frailties of others. And many, too many might have been saved from imprisonment had someone at the right moment shown the spirit of brotherhood and accepted the responsibility of a positive response to the Scriptural question "Am I my brother's keeper?"

. . . Cotton Bros. are in the midst of planning an addition, and upstairs office space. . . . the Caruso brothers have increased their store size. . . . and the Georgetown Cafe is in the midst of a modernizing program. . . . Nice to report that George Spiech is home after a stay in Hamilton San. . . . A sign on one of the highway stores, empty since they were built last year, announces a fish and chip store opening soon. . . . Apologies to Winnifred Watson who is jointly displaying her paintings at the library with Wilma Stull. Our headlines last week gave recognition only to Miss Stull, quite unintentionally. . . . This is a time of year when motorists should be extra careful, especially when driving along such streets as the highway and John Street. Narrow walks and plenty of water make a bad combination for pedestrians when a car sails by too fast. . . . The Erv Erneewines are back in town after living in Kitchener since the fall, and he has returned to his bread route. . . . Noticed a local name in Stan Helleur's column in the Telegram Monday. Mentioning changes in advertising agency personnel, he noted that Athol Stewart is now with the J. Walter Thompson agency. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart and their family have been living in town in the house on Durham St. vacated by his mother when she moved to the Valleyview Apartments. . . .

Varied Activities in Busy Year for IODE

Another busy year of activity is revealed in the annual report of Countess of Strathmore Chapter, IODE, prepared by secretary Hilda Erwin. With over sixty members, the ladies made donations to many charitable and public service causes, including Girls' Education Fund, Cigarette Fund, St. John Ambulance, Lucy Morrison Memorial Fund, Institute for the Blind, Peace Garden, IODE Film Fund, Provincial Film Fund, Halton Music Festival, Poppy Fund and Hurricane Relief Fund. Support of the Chapter's adopted school in Haliburton was continued, the sending of two boxes of supplies and the usual Christmas

proficiency prize presented at commencement to a 5th form student. Pictures of Queen Elizabeth were given to three schools and IODE calendars to each room of the public schools, Cedarvale and the Haliburton school. The health clinic, sponsored by the chapter in cooperation with Halton Health Unit, and held twice monthly in the Legion auditorium is a very important part of the ladies' work. Members are doing knitting for shipment to headquarters and diapers also have been made. Christmas gifts were given to blind residents of the community. A welcome to new Canadian ladies in May took the form of a Sunday evening social in the public library when Sybil Bennett, QC, MP spoke on citizenship and Mayor Jack Armstrong extended Georgetown's welcome to new residents. Fund raising events included a Valentine dance, a lawn tea at the home

of Mrs. John Frost, a flower draw for the Korean Project Fund, and a tag day for the blind. IODE members also helped with sale of blinder articles in a booth at the fall fair. Another annual event was an auction sale at a meeting, when Mrs. John Gunn acted as auctioneer. Members also sold Christmas cards. At the 15th anniversary dinner, Sybil Bennett was presented with a life membership. Another interesting speaker during the year was Mr. Chaudhary, a visitor from Pakistan. Presentations were made to two members who left town, Mrs. W. G. O. Thompson, honorary regent, now living in St. Catharines and Mrs. Fred Chapman, now a resident of Peterborough. A big highlight for the new Rotary Club next Monday when the club receives its charter from Rotary International.

NORVAL

Training School Head Scout Banquet Speaker

The young people of the village were the centre of interest in two meetings held in Norval this week - on Tuesday, the Scouts held their Parish and Son meeting in St. Paul's parish hall and on Thursday the Girl Guides held their mother and daughter meeting in the Presbyterian Sunday School hall.

The Rev. G. L. Royal was chairman of the Scout meeting with an attendance of about fifty. Commissioner Frank Mason of Brampton was present. Among the guests were one Guide leader and one guide, 3 Brownie leaders and one Brownie. The guest speaker was L. R. Hackl of Brampton Training School. His subject was Rehabilitation in the Reformatory and he emphasized the importance of the Scout movement in providing activity and interest for young boys - a sure way of keeping them out of trouble. The Cubs put on a vocal demonstration, illustrating the different aspects of their work. There was keen competition between Father and Son in an Observation Game and the meeting saw an interesting film, courtesy of the Shell Oil Co., showing Britain's part in the Conquest of the Air. A most satisfying dinner was served by the ladies of the Norval Institute. The Rev. A. R. Muir pronounced the grace. The toast to the Queen was proposed by the chairman, after which the National Anthem was sung. The assistant scout master Julian Reed gave the toast to the Boy Scout organization and Commissioner Frank Mason responded. Troop leader Bob Crawford proposed the toast to the Girl Guides' Association to which Guides Eleanor Lippert and Diane Shering replied. The toast to the Fathers was made by Cub Jimmy Richardson and Percy Donaldson replied.

On Thursday, the Guides and the Brownies held a Thinking Day programme to which their District Commissioner, Mrs. S. E. Wood of Milton and Mrs. R. Hoey of Aldershot were invited. The girls' mothers were also welcome guests. The meeting was opened in the regular manner, after which both companies gave interesting pageants on World

Find Second Gas Well Continue Oil Search

An encouraging factor in the search for oil on a district farm property was discovery of a second gas well which came in on Monday morning. Drilling has been in process by Tony Seynuk of Acton since last June on a farm tenanted by Ed Duncan, and owned by Mrs. Alvin McDonald of town. The property is located on the east corner of the 4th Line and the Stewarttown crossroad opposite Dr. Paul Beer's farm. The first gas, discovered some

months ago, has since been used to run the engine for the drill and to heat the small building used as an office. Monday's new well came in at 350 feet and the tremendous pressure indicates that it is a stronger supply than that in the first well. It is axiomatic that "where there's gas, there's oil". The big question now is whether it is present in sufficient quantities to be commercially profitable. Mr. Seynuk thinks it is, and he is already busy drilling a third well. His present equipment will reach 2200 feet and then it will be necessary to use heavier drills to probe for the liquid gold which may bring a fortune to those involved. He has already formed a company registered under Ontario laws as Anthony Gas & Oil Explorations Ltd., with head office in Acton.

Friendship, the Brownies by forming a friendship chain and the Guides by a candlelight ceremony. Mrs. Shering was enrolled as a new Tawny Owl and Mrs. W. E. Youman was presented with a captain's warrant and Mrs. Peter Hunt with a lieutenant's warrant. The following Brownies were enrolled - Susan Cunningham, Jamie Carter, Betty Anne Eyre, Mary Fricker and Jane de Sylva. The guides gave a demonstration of square dancing after which Mrs. Hoey brought the Brownies a singing game. Campfire followed during which Mrs. Hoey led in the singing and talked about the founder Lord Baden Powell. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by refreshments, served by the local association. Next Monday the Scout and Cub group committee will hold a meeting at the home of Ed Burke. Fathers of scouts and others interested in scouting are invited to join the group and further the interests of scouting in Norval. Some of the men who have taken an active part during the past year are Don Murray, Keith Webb, Alan Taylor, Win T. Graham, Rev. G. L. Royal and Rev. J. E. Maxwell.

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