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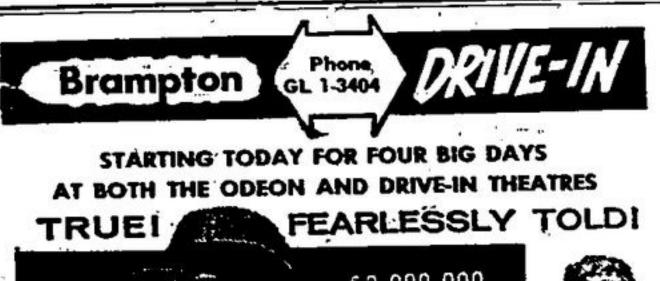
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## Controversial Corner

WE NEED A NEW APPROACH TO EDUCATION

Recent information from the United States has revealed horrifying development in the current trend towards education. In Rochester, boys were given a course in 'homemaking.' In California students were given school credits for working in a supermarket. In Maryland a course in dry-cleaning may be taken at one of the schools. Another New York school is proud of the fact that it has five gymnasiums, a retail store and a classroom devoted to is taking a course at the Ontario 'living' - whatever that may be. In Canada, we cannot avoid the Veterinary College and is staying influence of progress or degeneration which takes place south of with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. the border; how far off the rails have we gone in the same direc-

ple agree with the philosophy of, ent manner - we have made some where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly attempt to protect children from to be wise." This is an age in neglect of the body, but how are which the intellectual is called an we to protect them egghead, a 'thinking man' is a TV neglect of the mind? As a society, gimmick and a brilliant student we are far too soft and tolerant is a misfit. In this country, we with parents who neglect the most have not yet surrendered comple- important job in their lives - the tely to the misguided 'do-gooders' care and training of their own Mrs. A. Macintosh, Norman Alcock. who would have us believe that children. The results of this unthe essential function of education happy situation can be seen in Port Credit; Roger Geoffrey, son is to keep the children happy and our juvenile court where attempts of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Eacock, R. healthy. And yet, many people are made to deal with the problem R. 4, with godparents Mr. and are already addicted to this easy when it is often too late. futile approach. Now is the time | Finally, we need to question the Dale, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. for the more tolerant, thoughtful wisdom of providing the same ed- Eacock, godparents, Mr. and Mrs. and less vociferous members of ucational package to each child - H. Heppenstall; Laura Mae, dausociety to make their voices heard. particularly during the years at ghter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell. Now is the time for them to state high school. There can be no emphatically that their children are being sent to school to learn how to read, write, speak and to to a particular standard - say If some extra-curricular activities are required there is ample scope in such things manners, deportment, personal hy-

giene, and cleanliness. Many young people do not see too much attraction in obtaining a high school classes are liberally good education. Their ideals are sprinkled with children who are sports celebrities, movies stars and being subjected to a level of edu-TV personalities. One cannot cation which is beyond their abiliblame them for this; here lies the ty to absorb. These children would glamour, the romance and the riches. There appears little reed for a high scholastic level in order that when school days were over to draw a fast gun or sing a pop- they would be equipped to do ular song. This point of view from a twelve year old is understand ches or stacking shelves in a able, but let us hope that our edu- supermarket. Under the present cators and school boards will main system they are likely to stay at tain a higher approach than this, high school, perhaps under presand insist that schooling is provi- sure from parents who are unable not a good time.

many of our schools are equipped ditions the child becomes frustrahealthy exercise and a break in lority, he rejects the discipline of the monotony of a strictly academiche teacher who is the figurehead ic program. Let us not go over of his unhappy situation. As board on this so that we lose sight of the essential purpose of schooling. Already there is too much emphasis on such things as baton twirling, motor car driving, using the telephone and so on. If this trend continues, our schools will finally be turning out happy illiterate morons well versed in a mul-

titude of non essentials. Already, in the United States many students select their high schools and colleges on the basis of, athletic standing, without any consideration of the academic asmay be a bunch of half wits but so long as the coaching staff sound this doesn't matter. This may explain why 20 per cent of the draftees to the U.S. army are found to be illiterate and untrainable and suitable only for menial labour. There will be considerable pressure on our educational system to go the same way; to provide our children with a country club atmosphere, a minimum of learning, and a good time for One of the biggest obstacles to

the establishment of a more sound approach to education is the atti tude of many parents. This atti- BALLINAFAD tude may vary from over-indulgence to complete indifference. Regardless of the protestations many superficially informed, head in the cloud observers, we do have a social problem with vast numbers of our young people. The root was held at the Acton park on Satof this problem, in most cases, urday afternoon. Dinner was serthey can take over the responsibile say the favourite sport of swim ities of these parents. The schools ming was completely overlooked. are not there to teach young people Mr. Tom Given attended the rehow to live, how to behave, how to union of the Highland Light Infit themselves into society, neither fantry recently, held this year at can the schools be entirely respon- Brantford.

We are, unfortunately, living in legislation requiring parents time and place where many peo- bring up their children in a dec-

> doubt regarding the wisdom of wishing to educate all children up Grade 12 - unfortunately this is impossible. It is putting an unnecessary load on our teachers to expect them to get a child through Grade 12 when he has reached his mental limit in Grade 10. Our be far better off at a trade school. 'earning a useful occupation,

something better than digging ditded to give the child learning. to face the fact that their children have reached the limit of their It is a wonderful thing that so academic ability. Under, these conwith gymnasiums, sports fields, ted by his win shortcomings, he workshops and auditoriums. These gets bored, he becomes aggressive are great assets which provide to cover up his feelings of infer-

result, he is drawn towards other destructive elements in the class and this combination may be such that the teacher's authority is threatened. In this manner, the whole educational efficiency of the school sufers as a result of

trying to teach the unteachable. Our children, all our children, are entitled to the best education we can give them - let us not lose sight of this. At the same time. we cannot afford to jeopardize the future of the many while attempting to cater to the few. We must educate those who can be educapects. The faculty or teachers ted, train those who can be trainrd, and steadfastly reject the idea that education has to be dressed up so that the few, on whom education is wasted, will be prepared to attend school because the going is easy and the discipline slack. A good place to start on any educational reform would be to put real discipline back in the classroom, adequate authority in the hands of the principals, and to stop listening to the complaint and suggestions of parents who wasted their education and seem

of SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC NOT SPOILED BY WEATHER

happy for their children to do the

The annual picnic for the Bal linafad Sunday School children can be traced directly back to par- ved at 12.30 and even though the ental indifference, irresponsibility weather was unfavourable everyand ignorance. It is pulting the one had a good time. The children cart before the horse to expect our wore kept warmed up with races schools to adapt themselves so that and ball games and needless to

sible for giving children moral fi Bobby Black, a member of the bre, sound ideals, and a healthy 1st Georgetown B Cub pack, went outlook on life. Far more pressure on a day's outing to the Elora should be brought to bear on par- Flora Gorge park on Saturday. All ents who fail in this regard. Ad the groups from Georgetown and mittedly it is very difficult to pass district accompanied by their leaders and some parents left on the morning train and returned in the

Mr. Alan Neelon visited in the village on Sunday evening on his way to Toronto where he was once again speaking at the annual (service of the IOOF grand lodge convention held in the concert hall

of the Royal York Hotel. Sunday visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. McLean were Mr. and Mrs. Beswick and Mr. Wm. Dick from Hamilton.

Mrs. T. Gibson and Marjorie returned home from their trip to the west coast on Sunday night,

Phey visited last week with George 28 Stevens Cresc, godparents, Mr. | for Mr. and Mrs. K. Cooper, Liverwho is stationed at Port Alberni on and Mrs. Charles Tyrell; Donna pool, England; Diana Louise, dau-Vancouver Island with the RCMP. Lynn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. ghter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Kyn-There was no church on Sun- Hayes, 28 Weber Dr.; godparents, nersley, 15 Shelley St., godparents, day in our church here but sever. Mr. and Mrs. R. Adams, Hamil- Mr. and Mrs. H. Smith, Toronto al from the village attended the ton and Mrs. E. E. Barnard, proxy and Mrs. V. Cloke, Jr.

anniversary service at Melville Church. Plans are underway a the present time for the Bible vacation school which will be held around the middle of July.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Misener and son Douglas of Kitchener visited on Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. McBride.

Dr. Don Willitts, Mount Albert, A. Willitts, Ballinafad, and commuting to Guelph.

SIX BAPTISMS AT ST. GEÓRGE'S CHURCH

On June 7, Rev. Kenneth Rich ardson officiated at an afternoon baptismal service in St. George's Anglican Church.

Six babies were baptized - Ro ger Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ord, 76 Maple W., with godparents Oakville and William Lawrence. Mrs. W. Scoresby; Graham Patrick

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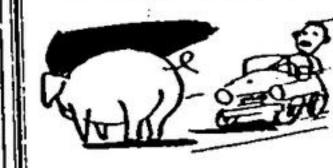
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