

Kids No Worse Today Than 20 Years Ago Says Judge Ord

"I sincerely believe kids are no worse today than they were 20 years ago. They're more honest," Provincial Judge John D. Ord told a dinner meeting of the Acton Chamber of Commerce at the Dominion Hotel.

A former Georgetown resident who also practiced law here for 12 years before his judicial appointment, Judge Ord now presides in the criminal court in Peel County. He previously served several years as a juvenile court judge. Judge Ord used the famous saying "The more things change, the more they remain the same", to reinforce his statement that today's kids really aren't that bad.

"If children get love and concern from their parents, they have a very good chance of making the grade", he said.

KIDS CHANGE
All kids are attractive at some point in their lives, but somewhere along the line something happens to them and they change at about age 11, he said.

"Is it possible to say a kid has any responsibility at this age?" he asked. "At that age I believe we have to look at the home in trouble cases."

Speaking on his term as a juvenile court judge, Judge Ord described the trouble youths 16-19 get into as youthful delinquency.

"After that age you assume they realize the consequences and you have to draw the line", he said.

Judge Ord admitted he often wonders if it wouldn't be better to give a boy a nine month reform school sentence for his first fight, rather than see him come up before him for larger offences later.

BIG HIT
However, he added that to give a boy a year when he's 18 or 19 is "quite a hit in the stomach, one that I don't enjoy".

"I've always operated on the basis of There but for the grace of God go I", Judge Ord said.

Youths who he considers to finally be a real nuisance are sent to the House of Concord a Salvation Army-operated home north of Toronto, Judge Ord explained.

50 PERCENT

Of the number of youths sent to the House of Concord, the judge estimated 50 per cent come out better persons, one-third run away and the rest don't derive any benefit.

"But there are only two choices sometimes, jail or the House of Concord", he said.

Judge Ord said he has great belief in the work ethic as a means of preventing youthful delinquency.

"There's almost no alternative. Money is really not a significant factor. It's motivation", he suggested.

CHURCH HOPE

He said he has great hopes in the Church as a rescuer also. "The Church could be a significant factor. At least kids



JUDGE JOHN ORD

have made some commitment as soon as they walk into a church", he said.

On the subject of drugs, the judge expressed the opinion marijuana users and heroin users can't be talked about in the same breath.

"This is an affluent permissive society, one where youths are increasingly frustrated. They're going to experiment", he explained.

NEED GROUP

There's got to be a group in each community who says "our prime concern is our youth", he said.

Judge Ord said he thinks police would prefer to have drug users at one specific place like a drop-in centre where they can keep an eye on the situation, even if there's a little immorality going on.

"We must look at what happens to kids after they leave the arena and athletics at the ages of 16 and 17. If they can be good enough to make the grade in athletics dandy, but what about the 90 per cent who don't?" he asked.

"I hate to see the wastage of our most precious commodity", the judge concluded. "Suffer with them a little, they'll come out of it."

Firefighters Parade At Acton

About 40 firefighters from the fire departments of Milton, Acton, Oakville, Burlington and Georgetown marched to Knox Presbyterian Church in Acton on Sunday morning in a church parade culminating a busy "Fire Prevention Week" across the county.

The parade, held annually during Fire Prevention Week, is sponsored by Halton County Fire Prevention Bureau. Acton Firefighters were hosts this year - the parade is held in a different town each October. Acton Citizens Band led the firefighters down Mill and Main Sts. to the Presbyterian Church, where they were welcomed by Rev. A. H. McKenzie and the congregation. Mr. McKenzie based his sermon on "The Role of Prevention in Life's Dangers" and Acton's assistant fire chief Bern Van Fleet read one of the lessons during the service.

After the service Acton Firefighters provided sandwiches and coffee for the visiting firefighters at Acton Fire Hall.

In the Mail Bag

What Canadians Aiming for Says Holland has Achieved

Dear Editor,
I have just returned from a visit to a country named "Holland".

Being a born Canadian and never having had the opportunity to travel there before, Holland just meant to me another over-crowded European country, with a few windmills, tulip fields, some farms, and the aged wearing the traditional clogs.

Now that I have travelled in this wonderful little country, I feel the need to express what I have seen, hopefully, it will prove of some interest to others, because the experience I derived became not only an education but a revelation.

I travelled by car and walked for miles tirelessly visiting the Cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam, The Hague, and Delft (which is one of the oldest Cities in Holland where the famous blue Delft china is produced).

Belliere another very old established town, where the houses built, date back to the 1700's, exist with charm, habitable, and occupied by people who treasure them with care. The town of Rozenburg where I stayed a few days is situated on an island off of the main land. It is a town which has been carefully planned and

built up since the war, combining the old with the new.

Everywhere I visited I was astounded by the cleanliness and beauty. I never knew there was country left in this world, where people could live so congested, be so disciplined and organized.

The Dutch people's attitude, towards work, their clean habits, preservation of beauty, planned communities, designed for the young and old to share in dignity, has to be seen to be believed.

Their loving care of plants and flowers bedeck the apartment building windows and balconies, their houses and window boxes, also the Public buildings, schools and children's playgrounds relate the Dutch people's character for their love of beauty.

The children are so trained and disciplined, they grow to appreciate the beauty, not destroy it. They are taught to be clean, not to litter. I never saw a piece of paper on the streets, roads or lawns. Everyone uses their own hands like a fairy Godmother uses a wand, if they see any litter, they automatically quickly pick it up and carry it home to be put into the garbage can.

The Public buses and trams shine inside and out, even the

floors are immaculate. Public toilets and utilities are spotless and shining.

Consideration, foresight and understanding by the architects and planners towards the structures for the human being's benefit and needs is remarkable. Apartment buildings are spaced out so that no shadow falls on the other, therefore all buildings have the advantage of the light and sunshine, which must be a joy to the people who live in them. The buildings are six to eight storeys high and built the width of an apartment, so that each spacious apartment enjoys the freedom of living by having a tenant's balcony and entrance at the rear of the building and each tenant has their own private balcony unattached in the front of the building, giving complete privacy.

The schools for the beginners up to the age of 10 years was an education for me and would love to see implemented over here.

One storey block shaped brick buildings with approximately six classes to a school and only 12 to 14 children to a classroom. They are grouped into three's, set back off the road surrounded by spacious lawns, trees and beds of roses and situated in dif-

ferent areas throughout the communities so that children are only walking distance from their homes.

Playground parks for the children are placed throughout the community set in a natural environment with apparatuses built of wood and trees, to allow children to give vent to their own imagination and development.

I was extremely impressed by the Old Age Pensioners row housing bungalows. Set back off the road in a park-like setting with well kept lawns and flowers and seats to sit outside their homes. Each house has its own small garden at the rear to grow his own vegetables and at the end of these row of houses a modern recreation lounge with colour TV and furnished with all the modern comforts of home is provided for their get-togethers.

Another amazing thing, at night, the homes and apartment buildings are alive and ablaze of light. Evidently drapes and curtains are for decoration, not for closing themselves; from the outside world, consequently relating their attitude of freedom and broad-thinking aspect towards living. When I questioned this, I was promptly told that Dutch people are proud of their

Drop Appeal On Land Separation

I was a stranger to the Dutch people, yet I felt at ease and very much at home because they allowed me the freedom to see them for myself and learn about them, in my own way.

I may possibly be wearing rose coloured glasses but I shall always visualize Holland with the highest respect. This little country has achieved what we are aiming for, good planning, cleanliness and beauty.

It can be done! I have seen it.
Yours truly,
Mrs. R. M. Gadd

Council's appeal against a Committee of Adjustment decision to allow a land separation for Ann Street property owners Mr. and Mrs. Tom Gadd, was dropped Monday when council voted 4-3. The reversal was supported by Mayor Smith, Deputy Reeve Spelgt and Crs. Hyde and Sykes. Crs. Smith, Levy and Denton opposed it. The two other council members were absent from the meeting.

Doug Hauser a good man to know



You've probably met Doug Hauser. At the Lions Club, at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Doug is an active participant in them because, as manager of Georgetown's Royal Bank, he is vitally concerned in the well-being of the community - and its people. So, if you need extra cash for something worthwhile, need help in arranging your finances, or just need a friend to help you sort things out - drop in to the Royal and say hello to Doug Hauser. Helping people is his job. That's why he's a good man to know.

Community Corner

Georgetown Figure Skating Club Fall Dance, Sat. Nov. 18. Tickets \$3 per person available at Arena or call Carole McLeod 877-8515

In need of a Homemaker through illness or in another emergency, telephone the Red Cross Homemaker Service, 877-9354.

—Anything sale, At St. Alban's parish hall, Glen Williams, Saturday, October 21, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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A good question. It deserves a good answer. We are a riding of diverse concerns; farmers, merchants, land owners, factory workers, industrialists. We have questions - we need answers. O'Connor speaks out to us on issues concerning us. Given the opportunity O'Connor will speak out for us in Ottawa; Ottawa will listen. Ottawa will know there is a riding of Halton. And, Ottawa will know what Halton's all about.

Terry O'Connor recognises the concern of Halton taxpayers for control of the administration and allotments of Unemployment Insurance monies. Funds must be used as aid for those who are temporarily out of work - not for those who care not to work.

Terry supports direct financial incentive to assist employers in expanding their work force as positive action to reduce unemployment.

Terry O'Connor sees small business of Halton is suffering under government restraints on the economy. He will fight to eliminate the 11% building material tax, and other measures stifling the buying or improving of homes, stores, industrial plants, and farms etc.

O'Connor will fight on our behalf to establish administrative standards to control government spending and waste. He wants the Auditor General set up as an independent examiner of government spending with positive requirements for the Government to act on his recommendations.

Terry is committed to actively protect and promote Halton riding at the national level and develop for Halton the stature it deserves in the Parliament of Canada. O'Connor is our man. He is persuasive enough to win people to our point of view. He's forceful enough to convert our ideas into action!

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