

O'Reilly and Murphy were looking in a cake shop window. "What's that bowl of water there for?" asked O'Reilly. "That's for the flies to wash their feet in before they walk on the buns," replied Murphy.

A contented housekeeper is one who has discovered that dust not wiped up today will wait patiently until tomorrow.

Hearing a smart woman express her opinion of women is rather flattering until you discover that she also has that opinion of men.

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THORNHILL

Do not overlook the entertainment provided by the Young Ladies' Guild of the United Church and held in the Church Auditorium on the evening of March 21st. Featured will be sound films on a number of Canadian subjects such as skiing in the Laurentians, winter sports in general, the discovery of Lake Louise, as well as several old country subjects. In addition there will be a film in technicolor taken in the Canadian Rockies. There will also be a comic film for the children. This program is to be given through the courtesy of the Canadian Pacific Railway. Everybody welcome.

Mr. Charlie Wiltshire of Kirkland Lake is visiting at his home here. The Young People's Union of the United Church entertained the Newtonbrook Y.P.U. on Tuesday evening. Mr. George Beckett led the worship period and Mr. Roland Joblin of Toronto was guest speaker telling his experience as missionary in the West. Games were played and a social time enjoyed.

A meeting was held on Tuesday night in the Masonic Hall, to receive the report of the committee, who were appointed to interview Mr. McMahon of Toronto, owner of the farm, the ratepayers and field day association are interested in procuring a field for athletic purposes. The price was satisfactory but no decision was agreed on. Another meeting will be held in the near future, when a fuller report will be received from the committee.

Burwick Institute March Meeting

The March meeting of the Burwick Junior Institute was held on Tuesday afternoon at the home of Miss Betty Wallace, Woodbridge. There were more than fifty members present. Mae Kersey was the convener of the meeting and read a paper on the motto "Home Economics". The roll call was answered by naming the handiest article in the kitchen. Mrs. Vanderburg gave a paper on current events. Miss Reva Nattress gave a piano solo. Mrs. Clarence Graham gave a talk on the ideal kitchen. A demonstration of bedroom accessories was given by Jean Hostrawser, Ruth Wiley and Miss Kersey, and a demonstration of salads by Mrs. William Lawrie. Arrangements were made to put on a play sometime in April. Refreshments were served. Mrs. Thomas McLean being convener of the refreshments committee.

West York Council Meets at Woodbridge

A one minute silence in memory of Wm. Spence, of Newmarket, was observed when delegates from A.Y. P.A. branches throughout West York Deanery met at Woodbridge last Wednesday evening for the March Local Council session. Mr. Spence, a charter executive member of the West York organization and people's warden at the Newmarket church, passed away in the hospital following a tragic highway accident at Newmarket.

A feature of the council's sessions were discussion groups dealing with parliamentary procedure and the duties of various officers. Leaders were West Toronto Council officers, Miss Grace Hutchings, president; Bernard Neeb and Al. Irvine, vice-presidents, and Miss Lillian Bowring, Secretary.

Business discussions of the sessions were presided over by Mrs. W. J. Whitten, Elgin Mills.

To-day's Parent

By Ellen McLoughlin
Director, Children's Institute

WINNING OBEDIENCE

Perhaps none of the viewpoints on child training has changed more in recent times than the matter of obedience.

It has always seemed the parent's job to enforce obedience — to give the orders for the child to carry out, and to punish him severely for any lapse in blind obedience. This is not only cruel but meaningless from a training standpoint. Might doesn't make right among civilized people.

The tendency to think that children have all the faults and parents none is a common error. Parents do not always view the justice of their demands from the angle of the youngsters. Do you expect too much? Does the child understand what you want? Are you consistent? Thoughtless mothers often overlook any wrong for the sake of momentary peace. Or another time, they will punish a child for the slightest thing if the mood strikes them. Again, for the same offense they will one day be severe, another day lenient. There is no way a child can be obedient to such treatment.

In nature, certain things stand out as the inevitable results of misconduct or neglect. When a child falls he suffers a pain which makes him more careful for the future. If he falls again he is hurt again. A slight accident brings him a slight pain, a more serious one a greater pain. No threats, but a just, reliable penalty to equal the error. These qualities make for obedience to nature. The same qualities practiced by parents make for obedience to parents.

Many parents fail to get obedience because their manner is rough and domineering. Obedience is only good when it is won by friendly understanding, not commanded on a basis of authority. On the other hand, freedom to do anything at all is just as hopeless. Complete non-interference on the part of parents who let their children have their own way under all circumstances leaves the children selfish, little egotists, without any discipline, consideration for others or restraint. That is turning liberty into license. Such a child has little chance of success in a social group of community where the rights and privileges of others must be considered.

Obedience should be required, not to show our power over children, not to satisfy our vanity or ambition as parents, but to help the growth and adjustment of the child. Obedience is not an end in itself, but a means of helping the child in his dependent state. Later the control must shift from your authority to the child's inner voice of conscience. Hence an independent, self-reliant attitude should be encouraged and the spirit should not be weakened by blind obedience to arbitrary commands.

"Fresh Air" Problem

Mrs. J. P. L.: I have a daughter of ten who always finds excuses for not going out in the fresh air after school. Will nagging or forcing her out destroy the value of her going?

Several things should be considered. Find out if she does not get along well with the other children. What does she do with her time at home? Perhaps this interest can be linked up with an outdoor activity. Is outdoor play space too inaccessible? Maybe you need to find or organize a convenient afternoon play group. If she dislikes rough sports, she may find interesting places around the town and its surroundings to visit. Make going out interesting, not compulsory. Let her suggest things based on a string of possibilities from which to choose. Give it an objective. Perhaps a new skill involving outdoor exercise, such as skates or a bicycle would provide the answer. Gardening, delivering a newspaper route, wheeling a neighbor's baby up and down the block, going errands that involve a walk, appeal to different types of children.

Ellen McLoughlin will answer questions of readers pertaining to parent-child relationships — no medical or legal advice. Address her in care of this newspaper, enclosing self-addressed stamped envelope for a personal reply.

Students at the Vellore school had an unexpected holiday Monday morning when their teacher, Miss Ida Frankum, was unable to make the journey from Woodbridge due to snow filled roads.

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A Sailor's Sin Then I'll Look Up

By Angus Mowat
Saunders, \$2.50

(The following review is of the recent book of Mr. Angus Mowat, inspector of Libraries for Ontario and a resident of Elgin Mills district.)

The initial performance of M. J. Angus Mowat, inspector of libraries and amateur sailor of parts, is a striking story of the days of sail on the Great Lakes, based on Kingston. It is so good—competent, exciting, expert in handling — that a critic fears virtuosity. Here is a movie plot, delivered with fine restraint, and a mature sense of dramatic values. Judged alone by "Then I'll Look Up," Mr. Mowat is a startling discovery in Canadian literature. If he can hold the course, a great writer has arrived.

The slight Scottish flavor of the novel is never offensive. During the earlier chapters the author seems to be tight-fisted with his facts, doling them out in niggardly fashion. Later I realized reluctance in revelation was not due to miserliness, but to skill in seamanship; the author was tacking. By long, oblique recitals, broken by short runs in other directions, he makes port with a fine flourish. This is not entirely a joke. Two literary navigators before him followed apparently erratic narrative patterns with effect.

There is only one joke in the story, but it is capital. The drunken town band causing a riot by striking up "The Wearing of the Green" while leading the procession on the Twelfth of July.

At the core of a serious book, then, with such adventurous trimmings as shipwreck, smuggling and murder, is a moral problem. The mystery surrounding the hermit of Battle Island has to do with expiation. A tempted man, at a crucial point in his fortunes, momentarily breaks faith with the best traditions of seafaring. Chief among his losses was loss of his self-respect. Years of success are undermined by gnawing remorse for a bad deed that had still uglier consequences. So far, so good.

But whether the throwing away of his wealth and giving over his life to brooding idleness constituted the right answer is another matter. I am full of admiration for the implacable manner in which Mr. Mowat follows his tragedy to the end. In the concluding Ann episode he refused a wonderful chance at a romantic ending. Further, friend Brostrom was probably simple enough to believe he had erred past redemption; and that would shatter a man. The only doubt in my mind is a question as to how far the author endorses, as he seems to do, by implication, this idiotic doctrine of an unforgivable sin. That doctrine is as foolishly romantic—in its dour, perverted way—as the notion that matrimony is a natural solution to other problems. In this case, sensible Ann might easily have cured a diseased mind, as well as comforted a troubled soul.

This factor apart (and the question is open as to whether Mr. Mowat was speaking through his leading character), "Then I'll Look Up" is a sterling novel, clever in its tricky unfoldment of events and motives, first-rate in its character delineations, impressive in its backgrounds, honest and sincere throughout. It is a remarkable piece of work that any reader will enjoy; but the more critical type of mind will be able to appreciate better its many merits. This combination of good literary qualities with a yarn full of tense suspense, is unusual. I recommend the book heartily to all and sundry.

WOODBIDGE

The Women's Association of Woodbridge United Church met at the home of Mrs. A. B. Cousins on Thursday, March 2nd with the Pres., Mrs. G. W. Shore presiding. The meeting opened with hymn 348 followed by the Lord's Prayer repeated in unison. The scripture lesson, Matt., Chap. 20, was read by Mrs. John Kellam after which the topic, "Valuation of Labor" was taken by Mrs. Kearney. A well rendered solo, "He'll wipe the tears from every eye", by Miss Marion Cook was much appreciated. A very interesting part of the programme was a report given by Mrs. Barrett of the missionary convention held in Walmer Rd. Baptist Church, Toronto. Special mention was made of the parts taken by Miss Mina Soga of Africa and Mrs. Mannikain of India. These ladies were delegates to the convention held at Madras recently. The meeting closed with hymn 441 and prayer by Mrs. Tamblin. Lunch was served by the hostess, assisted by the committee in charge.

Discussing relief problems, a Peterboro city official last week stated that there are too many people trying to run automobiles on street car earnings.

Queen's Park Closeups

By Paul Farrell

If the Provincial gasoline tax is raised, Ontario municipalities will get a share, Premier M. F. Hepburn intimated in the Ontario legislature Friday. While nothing official has been settled, it is understood that municipalities will get one-half of the contemplated two-cent raise.

In the face of protests from motorists and those interested in the tourist trade, the Hepburn government is seeking up to the last moment ways and means of avoiding any increase in gasoline taxation, which is six cents a gallon now. The government is hopeful of getting nearly \$2,000,000 in succession duty taxes from the estate of the late Sir Joseph Flavelle, who died in Florida last week. With this unexpected aid, the administration may be able to defer the boost in gasoline taxation another year.

No mention of the gasoline levy was made in the speech from the throne at the legislature opening Wednesday which announces the main points of the government's legislative plans for the session. The speech from the throne forecast: Legislation enabling Ontario to participate without delay in any federal unemployment insurance plan.

A new method of equalizing municipal assessments. All elected municipal officials to take oath of office. The government's hope is that such legislation will act as a check on the election of Communist candidates in municipal councils, it is understood.

Increased relief costs, to be higher than the 22,000,000 set by Ontario in 1938, unless these are marked industrial improvements.

Request that Ottawa repeal the Canada Temperance Act in Ontario. Steps to be taken toward "uniformity and co-ordination in municipal policing."

Financial aid for mining municipalities of northern Ontario.

The speech revealed that the Hepburn government has abandoned its earlier plan of launching its own unemployment insurance scheme, co-operating instead with the federal plan. According to reports at Queen's Park, the Ontario government was unsuccessful in obtaining the services of British government actuaries, and was thus forced to drop its previous intention of launching an Ontario project.

"The necessity for some form of unemployment insurance has been forcibly demonstrated during recent years and my ministers welcome the proposal of the dominion government to enact legislation," said the speech.

Finances of Ontario municipalities continued to improve. Gross debt of all Ontario municipalities was \$494,000,000 at the end of 1933. At the end of 1937 it was down to \$425,000,000. Municipal taxation was reduced during the same period from

\$120,000,000 to \$116,000,000. Of the \$104,000,000 in default by Ontario municipalities at the end of 1933, approximately \$58,000,000 has been refunded and plans are afoot for the refunding of another \$19,000,000.

In citing these improvements Mr. Hepburn took the credit. It was due to his government's action in relieving municipalities of all payments towards provincial highways, mothers' allowances, old age pensions and indigent patients, together with the provincial subsidy of one mill and increased contribution for township roads.

The Prime Minister was ordered to bed by his physician immediately after the opening Wednesday, suffering from an attack of the grippe. He was back at his desk Thursday, however, announcing that he was prepared, both mentally and physically, "to indulge in any political scrap in this House." He urged his followers to be not too concerned about reports of his ill-health, but in introducing H. L. Hagey (Lib. Brantford), the youngest member in the Legislature, he wistfully recalled the days when he, as the youngest member of the House of Commons at Ottawa, didn't have to part his hair with a towel.

Mr. Hepburn announced that Tuesday, March 14, would be leaders' day when he expected to go to the mat with Col. George Drew, new Conservative leader. "And may the better man win," added Mr. Hepburn.

Col. Drew made his maiden speech in the Legislature in briefly endorsing the resolution of loyalty to the King and Queen. "I would like to express sincere appreciation for the courtesies extended to me in this House. While they may not be extended indefinitely, I do appreciate them," he said.

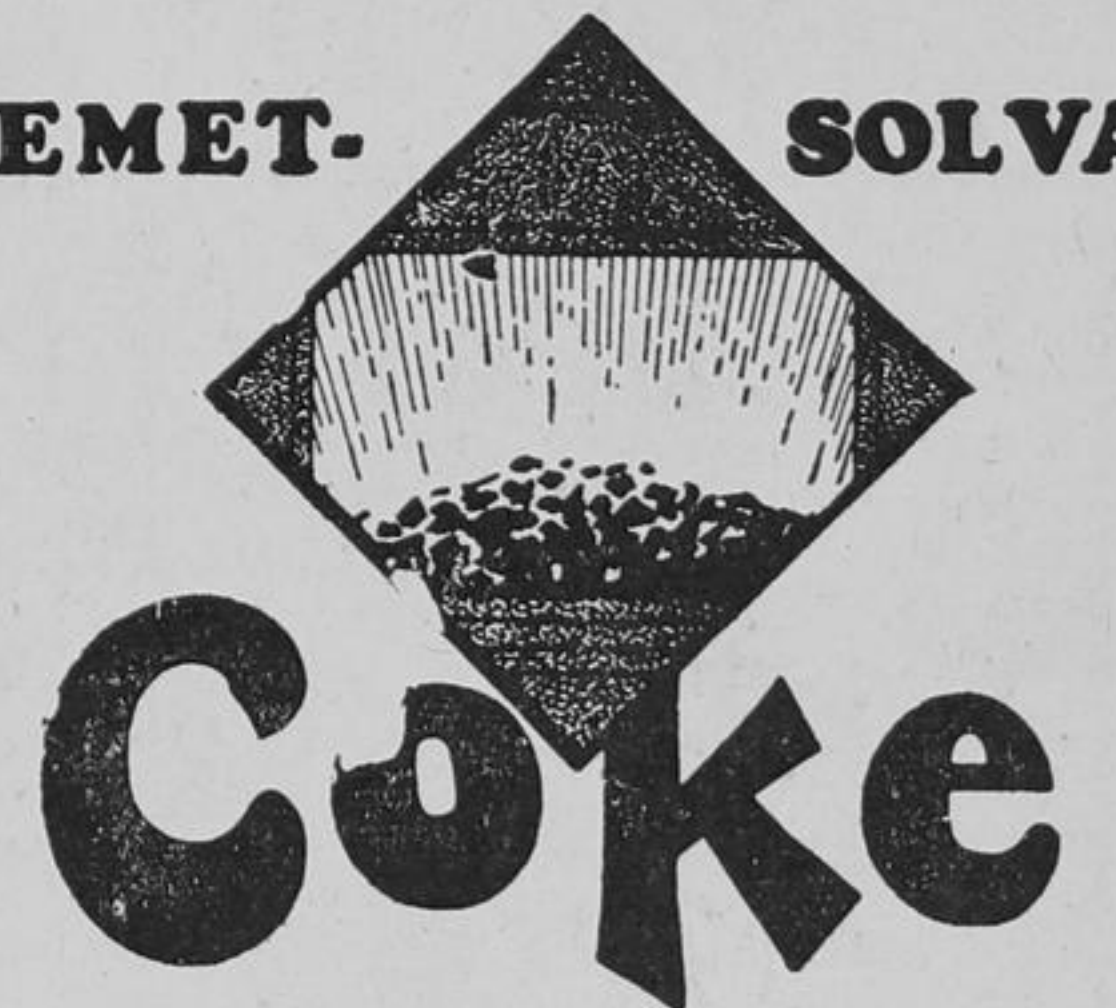
"So far, so good," said Premier Hepburn.

Col. Drew assured the House he would not oppose legislation which did not, in his opinion, warrant opposition. In other words, he would not criticize simply for the sake of political criticism. He was applauded by both sides.

The York county sales agent reports sales of pure bred cattle quite active. Roland G. Keffer bought a young bull from the herd of Harold Boake, Downsview. R. MacIntosh got another fine sire from the same herd. Both animals were from Dams with high butterfat records. T. Kelly of Schomberg sold a young cow to Fraser Gee of Victoria Square. Russell Snyder of Schomberg sold a fine cow to Miller Bros. of Scarborough and Porter Bros. of Markham sold two fine big cows to R. G. Hulse of Schomberg. There is a good demand for cows of good type and breeding.

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