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LIONS CLUB TO PUBLISH EDITION OF THE LIBERAL

Readers of The Liberal have in store for them a pleasant surprise. We just can't keep it secret any longer. Our issue of April 6th will be produced entirely by the Richmond Hill Lions Club. Ye editor and staff are planning a holiday for that week when the entire publication will be turned over to the members of the local service club. Members of the Lions Club will gather the news, write the editorials, sell the "ads", read the proofs, and incidentally take in the profits.

In turning over the publication of the paper for one week to the Lions we feel we are serving a two-fold purpose. We give the Lions an excellent opportunity to bring to some ten thousand readers in the district the aims and objects of their organizations and we will have the benefit of a model publication. The Lions in their publication will embody their ideas of the ideal Home Paper. We are hopeful our regular editions will not look too drab in comparison, but we are taking the chance anyway, and Thursday, April 6th the Lions' roar will be heard through the columns of your home weekly.

Lion "Bob" Little has been chosen Editor in Chief and already he is busy marshalling his staff, and between now and publication day local citizens can look for lots of intensive newspaper work in all departments of community life. We are staying very much out of the picture but there are indications that the news service by expert writers will cover everything from the troubled European situation to the doings of the Boy Scouts.

Correspondents, contributors and advertisers are asked to send in copy as usual. There will be no disturbance of our regular routine of business and we hope that solicitations for advertising by the Lions will have a generous response from the business people of the district. The entire proceeds of advertising sold by the Lions club will be used in their very commendable work among the underprivileged children of the community.

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN

In the vision of Saint John the Divine, which he set down in the Book of Revelations, the inspired writer saw four horsemen. They were War, Famine, Pestilence and Death, the four great enemies of humankind.

To those Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, a former U.S. President added a fifth in a speech a short time ago. He referred to "intolerant ideologies" as being as great a menace to the people of the world as were those whom Saint John saw in his vision.

The speaker was, of course, referring to the nationalistic spirit of the present-day dictatorships, and the insidious growth of their intolerant spirit throughout the world.

Not since Pestilence, in the form of the plague which we call influenza, came out of Manchuria in 1918 and swept the whole world at a cost of 25 million lives, has there been such an insidious and menacing enemy turned loose in the world.

People can fight a foe whom they see; nations can guard themselves against physical threats to their safety. But it is immensely more difficult to protect ideals, beliefs, and principles against the onslaught of ideas.

There is always the danger, especially in times of economic distress, that great numbers of people will be deceived into believing that the new idea is better than the old one, and that somehow they will fare better by discarding the ancient beliefs in such things as freedom of thought, the rights of individuals as superior to those of state, the privilege of religious liberty, the right to speak and preach one's opinions.

It is against the insidious approach of the "intolerant ideologies" of the dictatorships which now control so much of the civilized world that we need to be on our guard, far more alertly than against the weapons of physical warfare.

THE PUBLIC AND SPENDING

Canadians are paying more taxes than at any previous time in their history and Mr. Dunning recently told the taxpayers it was their own fault. He said in the House that the Commons was a mere spending agency at the public's demand and that the demand has been altogether too heavy on legislative members — irrespective of their party affiliations. There were not sufficient taxpayers in Canada, he said, interested in reduced expenditures to permit a needed scaling down of costs.

An example of what Mr. Dunning had in mind was in evidence the other day in the municipal sphere of government. We read, for instance, that a delegation of truck owners in a large Eastern municipality trooped to the City Hall to complain against the use of civic garbage trucks for snow removal. The use of the city trucks, for snow removal purposes when they were not otherwise engaged, deprived the truck owners of some of their opportunities to rent to the city their own vehicles for snow clearing. Here was a move to save tax-money opposed as always by those taxpayers adversely affected by the savings.

THE DOCTORS CALLED IN

Mr. McCullagh, of the Globe and Mail having apparently become somewhat fed up on the adopted Baby Leadership League, threw a big party at Maple Leaf Gardens last night and formally handed the infant over to the care of a couple of noted medical authorities, Dr. H. A. Bruce and Dr. Banting. We feel that in so doing Mr. McCullagh has displayed good sense. The baby was a bit noisy and showed signs of going off its feed; so he decided to get it off his hands and it is to his credit that he was able to induce these two eminent medicos to take on the job. Dr. Bruce, who is a former Lieutenant-Governor of the Province and a most distinguished surgeon, has been at a rather loose end since Mitch Hepburn closed up Government House and he lost his job and has been occupying his time in playing a fiddle in the Housing Orchestra conducted by Mrs. Ald. Plumpre. It must be admitted that quite satisfactorily always signing his name in the proper place and never neglecting any of the social amenities incidental to the job. As for Dr. Banting, his claim to fame and public recognition is as the discoverer of insulin and

we understand that he has now retired from most of his medical and research activities and will be in a fine position to give the infant first hand insulin treatment should it develop the troubles for which that remedy is designed. With these two distinguished gentlemen in charge the infant should muddle along for a time, but its ultimate fate is quite clear and such a movement could only have been made a factor in political life had a couple of experienced men been induced to take hold of it, work out a platform and participate in the coming general election, but when Mr. McCullagh reached the decision to place it in the hands of a couple of retired medicos he had no doubt satisfied himself that its advertising value had already waned to such an extent as to make its further exploitation at his hands unprofitable and that as a political horse it was, as we have suggested before, a washout.—Hudson Herald.

Health Hints

(By J. R. Harrison, D.C.)

This article is the first of a series in which the writer will give different hints whereby people can improve their health and avoid disease. It will be my endeavour to make these talks practical so that readers will have something tangible to use from day to day. Knowledge is not power, it is its application which is valuable. We may know for instance that overeating is harmful but the knowledge alone is valueless if we do not change this habit. For this reason points will be emphasized which can be immediately put into practice and so made habitual, also there will be nothing technical—in fact some statements may be technically incorrect although true from a practical standpoint. E.G. The country-woman whose doctor told her what was technically true that she had acute gastritis worried and did not sleep all night. If she had been told she had a stomachache she might have been relieved in her feelings, taken some peppermint tea and all would have been well. Again some people think that since the body is such a mysterious, intricate structure employing nearly every mechanical, chemical, electrical and psychological principle known to man and a lifetime of study will only scratch the surface the layman had best leave the subject alone. This idea is erroneous however. If the average man uses common sense and studies a little how to drive his automobile he will seldom need the services of a mechanic or expert and the same thing applies to keeping his own body fit and well.

This week let us consider some points about water. Raw water whether warm or cold is generally slightly laxative in affect whereas boiled water whether warm or cold is constipating. If however we mix boiled and unboiled water in the same drink we have a laxative which is very severe with some people. Thus violent diarrhoea can sometime be traced to the cook adding more unboiled water to something boiling and then serving this before the whole thing has boiled again thus having a mixture of boiled and unboiled water. This idea can be used to advantage by people suffering constipation. Merely add a spoonful or two of unboiled water to your drinks. I know of many who have been helped by this simple hint though of course it alone is often ineffective.

KLEINBURG

The Kleinburg Y.P.U. held their regular meeting on Monday evening, March 13 in the basement of the church 13 in the basement of the church with the president Mr. N. Watson in the chair. Following the business session the meeting was given over to Miss Grace Scott, the citizenship convenor. The first part of her programme was a study of the province of Ontario and the last half of the programme was an Irish programme for St. Patrick's Day. The scripture lesson was read by Adele Wardlaw and Newton Watson read a poem entitled "My Country." Readings on "Ontario" were read by Miss G. Scott, Miss Anna Kaiser, Harold Wardlaw and Miss M. Hamby. A poem "The Shamrock," was read by Doris Bell and was followed by a paper on "Thomas Moore" by Mrs. W. Benstead. Miss Olive Devins sang a solo, "A Little Bit of Heaven", and Mrs. Bailey read a poem entitled "You have to believe." The meeting closed with a "Pat contest."

Mother announced that a prize would be given each Saturday for the most obedient member of the family.

Almost with one voice the four children protested: "Oh-h, that isn't fair! Daddy would win every time!"

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To-day's Parent

By Ellen McLoughlin
 Director, Children's Institute

VOCATIONAL TRAINING OVERDONE?

There is no discounting the value of vocational training in present-day civilization. Let us not, however, blind ourselves to the fact that it is a double-edged weapon which can subtract from as well as add to a child's later usefulness as an individual and a citizen.

One of the chief aims of the intelligent parent is to help his child to find himself by encouraging his ability to think, to act and to create. No child should be permitted to devote all his time and energy to any specialized field to the exclusion of art, literature, music and other cultural subjects necessary for a well-rounded adulthood. It is up to the parents to instill an appreciation of these things in the early formative years when the child's character is plastic, so that he may grow up without conscious effort into the kind of many-sided personality the world so admires.

We are completely in accord with the views on this subject expressed by Dr. Holland Thompson, who, as editor of The Book of Knowledge for over a quarter of a century, has had a hand in raising millions of youngsters. The word "success", said Dr. Thompson, "used to mean the ability to make money. Today it has a far more comprehensive meaning: The power to make money, plus the knack of making friends, the ability to love work and play with equal enthusiasm, and the qualification to talk about books and art as well as baseball and business. No matter how skilled a craftsman he may be, the man who is unfamiliar with the arts and with the problems of his fellow-man has small place in the life of today. The founder of the Chatauga movement put the problem smartly when he said: 'If I had a son who wanted to become a blacksmith, I should send him to college. No one can be a blacksmith alone.'"

The world is full of misplaced people. With current trends indicating that the age of specialization is giving way to an emphasis on all-around development, parents should see that young people, in their preparation for life, should have more than one string in their bow.

CAUTION VS. FEAR

Mrs. E. T. W.: My small daughter of seven is now allowed to go to school alone. Should I warn her of kidnappers, sexual perverts and other undesirables, or is she too young and will it frighten or disillusion her?

You certainly have to arm her with a little awareness of possible dangers. A few simple rules never to accompany a stranger, for any reason whatever, never to go into a strange house or a motor car, and so on, can be explained to build caution and self-confidence rather than fear. But let her know how very few such people there are, so she will not lose faith in human nature. You can state that one cannot tell them by appearances, so that it is safest to put all strangers under the ban. At the same time, tell her to trust the policeman if she is troubled by anyone.

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.

Mrs. Robert White, a resident of the 8th concession of King, celebrated her 90th birthday on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17th. She has five children, 16 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren, all of whom live within three miles of her home. She was born at Londonderry, Northern Ireland, leaving that country with the late Mr. White on their wedding day 69 years ago.

OBITUARY

PEARL NEWTON SHUNK

Pearl Newton Shunk, an entertainer and elocutionist who was well known throughout this district, passed away at her Toronto home on Wednesday, March 15th. Mrs. Shunk is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Newton, of Prince George, Ont.; her husband, two sisters, and two brothers. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon with interment in the Maple Cemetery.

ALBERT HEWSON

Albert Hewson, well known live stock breeder and exhibitor died on Saturday, March 18th after a long illness at his home in Weston. Deceased was born at Tullamore and farmed for many years before moving to Weston 12 years ago. He was 70 years of age. He was superintendent of Grahamsville United Church Sunday School for 22 years. He was a member of Ionic Masonic Lodge, Brampton and also served as president of the Toronto Gore Agricultural Society. The Brampton Agricultural Society and the Peel Seed Growers Association. Surviving are his widow formerly Mary Sheard, one son Wreford and one daughter, Ferne.

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