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## Aids In Safe Driving

"Practice driving safely by getting more out of the mechanical features of your car", Roy Haessler, automotive safety engineer for a large automobile corporation, said at the recent Canadian Highway Safety Conference's executive committee meeting.

In advising drivers to take advantage of accessories already on their cars he suggested:

(1) Turn on your windshield defroster sooner. Don't wait until the engine warms up and the windshield gets steamed up. Use it to keep your view clear from the start.

(2) Use your turn signals when you're going to change lanes in traffic. Some truck drivers are doing this now and the public is slowly catching on.

(3) Install a rear window defroster — for two reasons. You can see what traffic is following you; and the driver behind you can look through your car and see what is ahead of you. He is forewarned, in case you have to make a sudden stop.

(4) Test your headlights frequently, not just once or twice a year. You

can do this without getting out of your car, if you park facing a wall. Test both low and high beams. And test the high beam occasionally to see if it might blind drivers coming towards you.

(5) Test your turn signal lights, too. If the dash light or impulse signal does not sound right or normal, it may mean that the flasher unit is not working properly. It costs only a few cents to replace it, if necessary. But most important are the turn signal lights, the rear as well as the front. You may think you are warning the man behind you — but the light may be burned out and he could crash into you.

(6) It's a good idea to keep your door locked from the inside, for country driving. More people are killed or hurt by being thrown out of moving vehicles. Safety belt? Two and a half times more people are hurt, who were not wearing safety belts.

"But no matter how safe and fool-proof you make a car," Mr. Haessler concluded, "it is up to you, the driver, and perhaps 'the other fellow', to make them really effective."

## Inflation Warnings

The City of Woodstock has asked all Ontario municipalities to endorse a resolution warning of the danger of inflation to our Canadian economy. In a brief presented to the Government this week the Canadian Chamber of Commerce termed inflation as this country's number one problem. Governments at all levels and citizens generally should take seriously these warnings by thoughtful business leaders who see danger signs on the economic horizon.

The Chamber delegation called on the government to face up to the present situation in which "inflation is steadily eroding away the value of the dollar". Among factors contributing to inflation are the wage price spiral, taxation, and very high levels of government spending, it was stated.

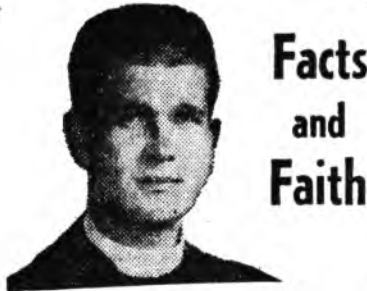
The government was asked to consider implementation of Chamber policies which called for every possible effort to contain spending. Continued surveillance is necessary, said the Chamber, to ensure economy in government expenditures and efficiency of government administration. In addition, the Chamber said — "Any additions to the already extensive welfare programs should be carefully assessed not only with regard to their initial costs, but also with regard to their foreseeable growth and supplementary requirements over the years. In principle, the Chamber believes that any additional welfare expenditures should be delayed until the full impact of present commitments can be assessed. Individuals should be encouraged to make every effort to provide for their own future and protect themselves against ordinary hazards."

The Chamber statement also pointed to the need for gradual tax reduction which could only be achieved if government spending were contained. The government was asked to make a re-exam-

ination of the entire income tax structure in Canada because personal and corporate income tax rates are too high for a developing country.

Speaking about the wage price spiral as a cause of inflation, Mr. Ashforth referred to Chamber policy on the need for productive efficiency. Greater productivity in turn is dependent upon many factors, among which are sufficient capital to supply technological improvements, interested and capable employees, and efficient managerial organization and methods, said the policy statement in part. Mr. Ashforth added, "While there has been an increase in the general living standard since the war, it must be recognized that anything which results in higher costs without improving productivity contributes to that depreciation of the currency which we now call inflation. Since 1949, the cost of living has increased by 26% which means that in effect the purchasing power of the dollar has declined to that extent. Hidden in the cost of living are vastly increased labour costs and an ever upward spiralling of government expenditures resulting in higher and higher taxes. To a greater extent now than ever before, we find it difficult to meet competition from suppliers of goods and services from abroad, not only in our export trade but in our own domestic market."

Other highlights in the Chamber's submission, covering most of the top economic issues of the day, were policy statements on employer-employee relations, and trade. All told, over 40 policy declarations and resolutions were laid before the government by the Canadian Chamber delegation as representing the majority views of over 750 Boards of Trade and Chambers of Commerce with an underlying membership of some 125,000 businessmen across Canada.



## Facts and Faith

A Weekly Comment On  
Christian Life And Action  
— By Calvin H. Chambers —

### What Is Man?

There is a great need today for people in all walks of life to face up to some of the serious aspects of the Christian faith. For too long we have been content to think of Christianity as a kind of aspirin pill designed to help us escape the tensions and struggles of this unpleasant world which we see all around us.

But if we are to have more than a superficial faith we must come to grips with basic Christian truth. One of the truths we must face honestly is the meaning and nature of human sin. It is the contention of the Bible that no one really finds God until he takes seriously the sin which separates him from God.

This is one of the reasons why we find the story of the Fall of Man recorded for us in Genesis chapter 3. It is not my concern to argue whether the story of man's fall actually took place as it is recorded in Genesis, or whether it is a theological account of a great reality. The important thing for us to grasp is that the story, not merely of someone who lived in prehistoric times. This is the story of every man. This is what happens to all of us when confronted by temptation and sin. We succumb and have succumbed. We listen to the deceptive whispers of the Evil One. We permit our minds to dwell upon the temptation which faces us, and we give in.

Now temptation is absolutely essential to human life. God did not create robots, but creatures with power of choice. This God given freedom man has misused. Instead of deciding for God, we have decided for sin and self. We have tasted of the forbidden fruit and in so doing our eyes have been opened. We see our moral and spiritual nakedness. We are guilty before God. In a vain attempt to hide from God we cover ourselves with various kinds of fig leaf aprons. We hide from God under the cloak of personal righteousness, piety and belief. Some of us hide from God even in the Church. We attempt to protect ourselves from God's searching judgment by pointing to our good works, our benevolent deeds, our patronage of all that is true and worthy. We try to cover up.

Thus we force our guilty consciences to claim innocence when we should confess sin. This is the reason for the inner turmoil of our hearts and minds. We cannot be at peace. We dare not be alone.

But God, the searching God comes after us. He calls to us as we did to our first parents, "Adam Where Art Thou". It is a personal call directed to each man individually. We cannot come to God hiding behind someone else. We must face God in the loneliness of our individual personality. If we do, we find that God, instead of judging us with endless separation from Himself, extends a hand in mercy and forgiveness. He comes to restore and to make whole. He comes to seek and to save that which is lost. He comes to raise the burdened soul and to give him a right relationship with Himself.

The proud and the self-righteous can never face this God of mercy and judgment. Instead they create a God in their own image — one who will pat them gently on the shoulder and say "never mind, you're alright." Thus the proud and self-righteous can never know God as He really is. They must be content with the idol who actually can do nothing for them.

But the humble and penitent who faces God without excuse or self justification will find His hand full with blessing. To this person God will become real. His love will not be fiction but fact. His forgiveness will not mean "mere hope so", but reality.

The story of the Fall is an account of what happens to you and me. But it is also the story of what God is like. He seeks after us as we are. We must face Him as we are. This alone can bring us the knowledge of His infinite grace.



## Over Hill, Over Dale

by Cicely Thomson

It's hush-hush!

Today I had planned to be sitting among the clangs, bangs and vigorous shouting and laughter of two hundred and fifty teen-agers as they raced through their cafeteria lunches in the high school lunch room. However my fun was not to be, for it was felt that if I wrote about the school cafeteria it "might be harmful"??

"Harmful" (1) "Do a great deal of harm". Those words were used about my potential cafeteria "disclosures" by two people of authority in the school. (I shall name no names, that might indeed be harmful). But to me the lunches served at the high school were of interest because five hundred of our children, my own included, are eating their noon-day meal there five days a week for four or five years. I felt that the parents of this changing population of youngsters might conceivably be interested in the operation of a big undertaking such as the catering firm is running.

I still don't see where all the harm comes in. But the room was closed when all the rest were open on parent's night (the night I was there at any rate) and I could not see the cafeteria, but I was told that it is green in color (shade light, dark, soft, bilious, paddy, not defined) and it has windows, tables and chairs. At the time of the latest addition it was almost doubled in size and a teachers' dining room was added (I hope a soundproof section). Some time ago the inspector was critical of the candlepower that came from the lights far above set near the ceiling of what used to be a gymnasium, but that was temporarily remedied by lowering the bulbs and removing the shades to increase the candlepower until the alterations over, beautiful tube lights were installed, so presumably this hush-hush area of the school looks quite presentable by any standard.

For those of you who do not have high school aged children, may I mention at this point that the lunch hour is divided into two periods, each lasting 45 minutes (Not long enough to my parental mind for a number of reasons, but that is not what we're tripping "thorough brush, thorough briar" today for). The first lunch hour runs from 11:50 to 12:35, and the second from 12:30 to 1:15. There seems to be considerable difference of opinion between boys and girls, and also between first and second sitting students... naming no names... about what they do have for their lunch. (This was one of the reasons I was willing to run the gamut of the teen aged crowd... you know, your reporter, "fired at by shot and shell, bravely she rode and well...")

Both groups think that ten minutes to go through the "line" is too long, and being our leaders of the future have dreamed up all sorts of methods to speed up the process of getting something to eat. (But none have thought of the Eaton's cafeteria method whereby you get a stamped ticket and pay on the way out.)

They feel that a monitor could take the MILK ONLY money line; some feel that a monitor could handle MILK & SOUP money; all agree that the hold-up is at the cashier end. (Do you have the correct change ready, dear young things?)

Time in the line varies according to the attitude of the timer (stop watches of course). A great deal to do with the time spent in the line seems to be dependent upon the speed with which the student can descend the stairs. (As long as I don't get in the way of a hurtling fifteen year old football player I'm not concerned, and under the circumstances it doesn't seem likely.)

The first sitting reports good variety... the girls (Continued on page 8)

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