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The Last Word

Where is the Hold Up?

by LYNNE BADGER
Last week, an article on a coalition being formed to stop postal abuse ran on the front page of this paper. I was questioned as to the reason for this since it was not local news. Usually only local news is printed on the front page or articles which have some direct effect on this area.

The criterion used in this case was that it was "good news". I am sure that

everyone who has had problems with Canada Post was delighted to hear that someone is questioning Post Office policy.

The local Post Offices don't seem to be the problem. They don't have more mail than they can handle and the service is good. "One Day Service" that was promised is a reality if you are sending or receiving mail between Schreiber and Terrace Bay

or here and Thunder Bay. Beyond that, however, there are no guarantees.

We regularly receive complaints that the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News did not reach its destination for months at a time. We were baffled by the number of complaints and checked our system. The papers had definitely left Terrace Bay. It has since been established by my own personal ex-

perience that somewhere between Terrace Bay and points east there is a hold up.

During the second week of August I was in Parry Sound and asked my mother-in-law if she had clipped a particular photo. She replied that she hadn't received a paper for a month. The next day, when we picked up the mail there were three papers in the box and the fourth came

the following day. I don't expect one day service on second class mail but within a month would be nice.

On the other hand I would like to receive first class mail in one or two days not 5 to fourteen which has been the norm for letters from Southern Ontario.

No wonder people are using courier services. They are willing to pay

more for guaranteed delivery.

We have been promised a rate freeze until the end of the first quarter of next year. Then what? Will we be required to pay more for the same inadequate service? I hope the coalition can do something about that.

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Have a Happy and Safe Halloween.



Anchor

The Importance of Christian Education

by DUANE PETERS
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After God led Moses and the children of Israel out of Egypt and into the wilderness He began to teach them. God told them, among other things, that "the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might." And after saying this He gave this command: "These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:4-7).

Whatever other lessons we may learn from these passages, we must note that God not only wants us to love Him and to worship Him, but He wants us to teach our children to do likewise. God did not make the Christian education of our children optional, he commanded it. It is not something we can elect or reject as we please.

St. Paul says, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (Ephesians 6:4). "Discipline and instruction" are translated also "nurture and admonition" or "education and correction." The primary and first responsibility for Christian education and the training of children in the life of the Christian faith and spirit remains with parents.

Many of the problems which are within marriages and within families today could be avoided or overcome if the members of these families had a personal relation-

ship with Jesus Christ as their Saviour, sought to do his will and sought his guidance when difficulties arose. Yet many young people may never have the opportunity to live peaceful lives because their parents do not teach them at home, they do not go to Sunday school or they do not have a real opportunity to hear the Good News.

The reason why many modern homes are breaking down is because their foundation is a very important part of a home. A foundation is not for display, You may never see it, but the whole safety of the home depends upon the strength of the foundation.

In Egypt the pyramids are to this day the world's largest examples of masonry. Recently they were checked and measured once more, and it was discovered that in more than thirty-five hundred years those pyramids have not moved as much as one-half inch off centre. The reason is the foundation. When those pyramids were started the builders dug way down deep through the shifting sands of Egypt, hundreds of feet underground, until they hit bedrock; and there they laid the foundation. That is why more than three milleniums of time have not been able to move or shift the pyramids from their solid base.

In the realm of the Spirit, Jesus Christ is the only bedrock. Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the Kingdom of God." (Mark 10:14).

Please, if you want the best for your children, bring them to Sunday School this week.

Arthur Black

Gems and Goodies

Oh dear. I see that my Nugget File is bulging obscenely again. My Nugget File? That's where I store all the little gems and goodies in the news that aren't quite worth a column but are too good to toss. Let's rummage:

Here, for instance, is an answer to the musical question: what do you do with a gold mine when the gold's all gone -- or when it's too expensive to work? According to a Burnaby, B.C. man, you turn the bugs loose. Bacteria, actually. Albert Bruynes-teyn is president of an outfit called Precious Metals Bioleaching. He says certain strains of microscopic bacteria can be used to "chew away" unwanted ore, leaving the gold behind.

A bacterial workforce is an Inco manager's wet dream come true. Bacteria work for free, around the clock. They never go on strike and what's more, they split in two, every few hours, doubling the workforce.

Are your kids constantly bugging you about how awful it is to live in the Boonies and couldn't we please move to the Bright Lights? Here's a story out of New York that might give them pause. Guess what there was nearly 1600 reported cases of in New York last year?

Bites -- that's what
And we are not talking dog, flea,

rat or even alligator bites here. That's 1600 human chomps -- and only the reported ones, to boot. Authorities think it may only represent half the actual amount of human biting going on.

They don't call New York the Big Apple for nothing.

From one extreme of human behaviour to the other, let us hie to California. To the beach at San Onofre, to be precise, where last week, Greg Page and Kara Webber tied the knot.

They're lifeguards, you see ... and

they thought it would be kinda fitting if they got married at sea. So they did.

On surfboards. Surrounded by 150 bobbing friends and admirers, and facing a Minister of the Universal Life Church, who officiated on a tasteful, grey surfboard.

I wonder if they'd have gone through with the wedding if, half way through the ceremony someone had yelled "Surf's up!"

Finally, an uplifting story from Manitoba about a dramatic breakthrough in Municipal



Behaviourism. A gaggle of School Trustees in South Winnipeg has hired a private consultant to give a weekend seminar on how to ... get along.

School Board Chairman Lawrence Harrison said he and his colleagues need professional help because they've been "unable to work as a unit, often passing motions and then reversing them later in the same meeting."

Hmmm...
Sound like any elected group of municipal officials you know?
Consultant's name and fee schedule available on request.