

Anchor

Make it happen

In a recent Canadian poll it is stated that, "instead of concentrating on 'getting it together', most people now want to 'make it happen'." A major aspect of "making it happen" is a renewed popularity of marriage and parenting. Over 65 per cent of Canadians polled agreed that in the years ahead the family unit will become more important than ever. Yet, marriage breakup, family breakdown and child abuse are extremely common occurrences in Canada.

Most people will agree that the family unit is one of the most important aspects of their lives. What can we do to prevent harm to the family unit and what steps can we take to restore the family institution to its proper place of importance - the place that most of us long for. May I suggest one major step for prevention and one major aspect for restoration of a damaged family.

There are many ways to damage or weaken a family unit. The results are always the same. People get hurt.

Families are made up of people. People with good intentions - intentions to love and do good to the others involved. No one gets married with the intention of hurting their partner. Parents don't have children with the intentions of hurting them. We all begin our relationships with good intentions.

In the heat of an argument or the passion of some lustful moment, we forget. We forget that our marriage partner, our children, are equal members of the family unit. Equal members with importance, with emotions and feelings that are deeply attached to us and our loyalty to them. These people are hurt and disappointed by an act of disloyalty.

Acts of treason against the family hurt everyone. As individuals, we are responsible for our own behaviour. The first major step in prevention is to count the cost. Yes, we must start to think. We must consider the consequences of our action. Do we realize that our actions are hurting the very people that we started out to benefit. Extramarital affairs, wife beating, child abuse are acts of treason to the family unit. There must be a counting of the cost.

For many people, the damage has been done. Almost 2/3 of Canadian marriages end in separation or divorce. Experts guess that possibly as many as 25 per cent of female children are sexually abused before the age of eighteen. What this means is that many people have been hurt. Some have been hurt

physically, but all have been emotionally scarred. What can be done to bring healing and restoration to these people?

While trying to avoid being simplistic, may I suggest one of the first steps that must take place before families can be restored and people become emotionally healed. The offended and the offender - all parties involved must learn to forgive. To forgive is to cease to feel resentment against or to give up resentment or to give up the thought of vengeance.

Forgiveness has benefits for everyone involved in an offensive situation. Lack of forgiveness leads to bitterness and that will cause an ongoing process of grief. Forgiveness is more than words, it is an inner attitude. Forgiveness is definitely easier to talk about than to put into practice.

How can a person adequately explain forgiveness? If you have been forgiven then you begin to understand. Forgiveness is something

that we must experience in order to begin to understand how to forgive someone else.

Human forgiveness is limited by our abilities and understanding. But God's forgiveness is without limitation. If we have hurt someone else by our actions then ultimately we have also hurt God. His forgiveness is available to everyone. It is best to experience God's forgiveness in order to turn and forgive someone else. In fact, it might be virtually impossible to truly forgive without being forgiven by God.

The popular trend in Canada is to strengthen the family institution. Think about it - why not count the cost of damage and then become part of the prevention of damage? If you and your family have been hurt, become part of the restoration process.

Families are great. Canada needs strong and healthy families. Our community needs healthy family units. Let's work together to unite not disintegrate.

Support for colleges

The Ontario Government will provide \$487.8 million in operating support to Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology in 1985-86. Colleges and Universities Minister Keith Norton announced last week.

This represents an increase of 5.2 per cent over the \$463.6 million provided in 1984-85 and reflects the Provincial Treasurer's statement that 3 per cent

would be "our guideline for public sector wage settlements". Funds required during 1985-86 to meet extraordinary costs directly related to the strike of academic staff which took place in the fall of 1984 will be the subject of separate consideration, Mr. Norton said.

Tuition fees for the approximately 100 thousand college students will be increased at the same rate as the increase in the operating grant. The standard tuition fee will be \$573 in 1985-86.

Credit for kids

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schedule whether or not that person was living with you.

If you were separated, divorced or widowed during the year and your (estranged) spouse is not claiming any personal exemption for any of your children, enter only your own net income.

If you married during the year, include the amount of net income earned by your spouse. If the total net income exceeds \$26,330, your credit is reduced accordingly. Finally, your spouse or other supporting person completes the bottom part of the schedule and you attach the schedule to your tax return, together with one copy of the TFA1 slip or the award letter confirming your eligibility for family allowances.



...Lots of fun at the Zone Meeting of the Kinsmen Club.

Schreiber boxer at Games

The recent Ontario Winter Games held in St. Catharines saw some proud moments for the Schreiber Boxing Club.

Schreiber boxers Dom and Gerry Filane trained hard, fought hard and came out winners.

Dom "Hollywood" Filane started the ball rolling for the Schreiber club, as he won the gold in his division, and then elected to move up to a heavier division, and try for a berth on the provincial team.

Dom boxed, slugged and fought like never before, but the size, and experience of Niagara's Mike Strange was awesome, and the decision went to Strange. Both warriors were exhausted and the judge's decision of 3 to 2 was cheered by the crowd. A very close fight.

Dom's disappointment was short-lived, when he found out that Strange's weight was too much for the division, and he was forced to move up, giving Dom the berth on the pro-

vincial team. Instead of a ten pound disadvantage, Dom had fought an opponent twenty pounds heavier!

Gerry Filane also had a tough time of it. The Schreiber slugger won Friday's fight with a first round knockout of a Soo fighter. Saturday's fight won Gerry and his opponent Michael Peachy, the award for the best bout of the tournament. Peachy of Port Dalhousie was the crowd favourite and the favoured fighter, to win the division. He had earlier knocked out a Thunder Bay fighter out in the first round. Peachy was very good, but Gerry was better. Gerry rocked Peachy on numerous occasions, with overhand rights and solid left hooks. An unhappy crowd watched their boxer lose a unanimous decision.

Gerry's last fight on Sunday saw him win the gold medal, but not before Oshawa's Eddy Heckbert gave him a real battle.

Heckbert bloodied Gerry's nose in the first round, and turned the boxing match into a slug fest. The third round proved the turning point as Gerry repeatedly caught Heckbert with good shots, and the Oshawa fighter was lucky to survive the round. The judge's

Tax tips

If you are claiming a tax exemption for a parent, grandparent, sister or brother living in Canada, use the schedule called Additional Personal Exemption ... it comes with the General tax return. Enter the information required and include the schedule with your tax return when you mail it.

Are you single, separated, widowed or divorced? Your General tax return provides for an equivalent to married exemption you may be able to use when claiming a dependent relative living with you. To find out how to claim this exemption, check the General guide.

decision were 4-1 for the Schreiber fighter.

When the Schreiber Boxing Club entered the Winter Games, not too many people had ever heard of Schreiber.

With Gerry and Dom's performance not too many people will ever forget it. Congratulations, guys, you earned it.

DEATH NOTICE

RILEY: Mrs. Esther Riley aged 54 years of Schreiber passed away suddenly on Friday March 15, 1985. Survived by her husband Ted, daughter Alison, mother Annie Niemi of Schreiber, sister Elsie (Mrs. N. Ross) of Schreiber, brother Raymond of Windsor, Aunt and Uncle, Anna and Oscar Laine of Sault Ste. Marie, nieces and one nephew also survive. Predeceased by her father Oscar, and brother Elmer. Rested at the King Funeral Home in Schreiber. Funeral services were held on Monday at 2 p.m. from St. Andrews United Church. Interment in Schreiber Cemetery. Attending were friends and relatives from White River, Terrace Bay, Winnipeg, Belleville, Windsor, and Sault Ste. Marie.

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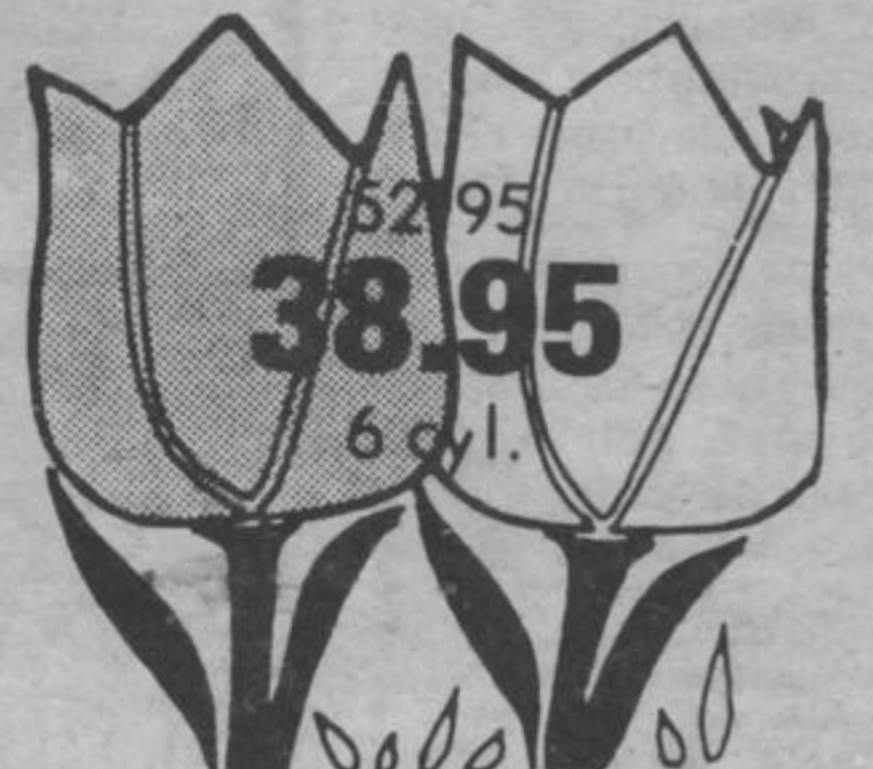
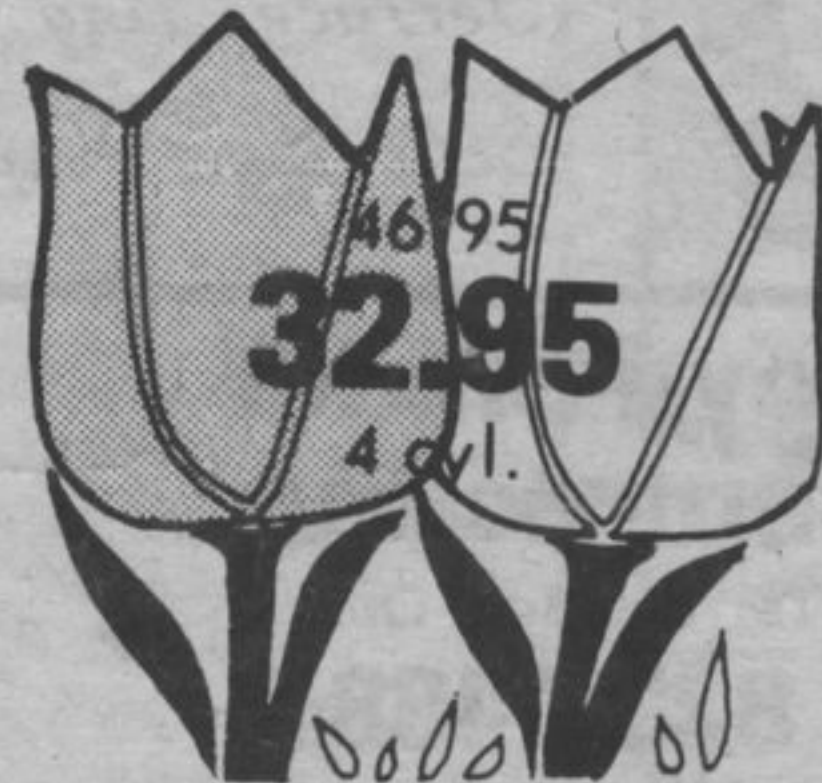
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