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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

Thursday, May 12, 1927

THROUGH STREETS

Acting Mayor McCormick of London, Ontario, said something the other day that a lot of other people have been thinking for some time when he expressed himself as opposed to "through" streets in that city because they are nothing more or less than speedways. The "through" street idea, like a good many others, is being worked to death, and while there may, and possibly are conditions which call for "stop" signals at certain intersections, in the big majority of occasions they are a nuisance, and have been placed there because some other town or city has adopted the idea.

A tour through Ontario this coming summer will disclose the fact that nearly all the fair-sized towns and villages have adopted the custom which, in the majority of instances, is a nuisance to the motorist and an unnecessary addition to the many other laws which the motorist must obey.

It does seem foolish to have to bring your car to a dead stop before crossing over the village "main drag" when it would require a pair of microscopic glasses to detect any movement of traffic nine hours out of every ten in the average town. The idea is all right, but it is a case where discretion should be used. It is only our personal opinion and it may be that we are wrong, but we are more and more becoming convinced that we are getting altogether too much doo-dad legislation, and that the "stop" signs in the vast majority of cases are just about as necessary as another rattle on a fliwer.

POOR OLD LO

Deputy Judge Brandon has ruled in a Hamilton court that an Indian cannot be sued for an account owed by him. The decision was given in an action by the Kirk Tobacco Company to collect an account from W. J. Atkins of the Grand River Reservation amounting to \$133.

We would hate to be an Indian under these circumstances. The decision simply means that an Indian is not responsible for any debt he contracts, and this knowledge will, generally speaking, curtail his credit and force him out of any business he may be engaged in. No firm or individual wants to give credit to any person who cannot be made to pay, and today a business man without credit presents a sorry figure.

The effect of the decision can be imagined when it is known that the account was for goods purchased for a store conducted by the Indian on the Reserve. If this is the standing the Indian has in the eye of the law, there seems only one thing to do—place him on a cash basis, and even though you think he is all right financially, and honest, take no chances.

In the case of the Brantford Indian he will gain \$133, but the Indians as a whole will be the losers by Judge Brandon's decision.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Here's one for you to roll your tongue around, it is an old one, so old, in fact, that it is new to a good many. Try it out on your vocabulary. If that will not work, hitch it to the piano:

If a Hottentot taught a Hottentot to tot ere the tot could totter should the Hottentot tot be taught to say aught, or naught, or what ought to be taught her.

If to hoot and to tot a Hottentot tot Be taught by a Hottentot tutor, Should the tutor get hot if the Hottentot tot Hoot and tot at the Hottentot tutor?

"The Coat and Pants Do All the Work, but the Vest Gets All the Gravy" is a song poor old father can sing now that all those Easter millinery bills are beginning to come in.

Lord Byng, in an address at London, said that there need be little fear that Canada will be annexed by the United States. You're bally well correct, old topper. There are a few of us who talk that way, but the majority rule is still in force in this country.

A dispatch from Brantford says that the highway traffic officers are busy in that section and nearly 100 arrests have been made for minor infractions of the motor vehicles act. Strange! From the manner in which we have heard some people talk, we were of the opinion that Durham is the only place in which any attempt is being made to enforce the motor law.

MOUNT FOREST MAN ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

John Lambert Now Lying in Owen Sound Hospital in Critical Condition From Bullet Wound in Head Believed to Have Been Self Inflicted.—May Recover.

With a bullet lodged in his head, John Lambert of Mount Forest, lies in the Owen Sound General and Marine Hospital, in a critical condition. The attending doctors say they cannot remove the bullet without endangering his life further and while his chances of recovery were at first considered doubtful, in the past couple of days his condition has improved and he is believed to have a chance.

The manner in which Lambert received his wound, about 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, is shrouded in mystery, though this has partly been cleared up by a statement of the injured man himself that dispelled the foul play theory. He was first seen by Mrs. John Molloy, a resident of the lake shore at the extreme north of Owen Sound. Lambert staggered into the yard of James Foster, who lives next door to Mrs. Molloy. His clothes were soaked, indicating that he had been in the lake. The police were notified and he was removed to the hospital. A revolver, believed to have been the one with which he shot himself, was afterwards found in the waters of the lake about eight feet from the shore, but no clear idea of just what happened is yet in the hands of the police.

Though there is a bullet imbedded in the middle of his skull, Lambert was still alive on Sunday, and regained consciousness at the hospital on Saturday. He made a statement to the police which dispelled any theory there had been foul play, but did not make any statement as to how the shooting had been done. It is thought now that it was a case of attempted suicide.

It appears that Lambert had purchased a farm in Proton Township some years ago and was finding difficulty in meeting the payments on it. He had rented the farm and was out working at various places in order that he might be able to pay for it. Overwork and worry about the farm are said to have been responsible for his strange behavior. Lambert is well-known around Mount Forest and was reared at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Brown of Egremont Township.

LADY BOWLERS HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Officers For Coming Season Elected at Meeting Held in I. O. D. E Rooms Yesterday Afternoon

The Durham Ladies' Bowling Club held its annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the I. O. D. E. rooms, and while the attendance was not as large as it should have been, a good afternoon's business was done and the work of the past season reviewed.

The report of the treasurer showed a small balance on hand, and during the season the ladies' club had paid over to the men's club approximately \$400, to be used in defraying some of the green expenses and pay off some of the indebtedness on the new club house.

Last year was a most successful one for the lady bowler and a most enjoyable one. Among the visits they had was one with the Walkerton club, and during the summer a series of local tournaments was conducted that was much enjoyed by the members and numerous friends.

The officers elected for the coming year, with the exception of Secretary-treasurer, who has not yet been appointed, were:

President, Miss W. R. Alder; Vice-President, Miss M. Calder; Conveger of Games Committee, Mrs. R. Macfarlane; Tea Committee, Mrs. H. Morlock; Tournament Committee, Mrs. P. Gagnon.

It is expected this year that the Ladies' Club will have a larger membership than ever and a very successful season is looked forward to.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Helwig and daughter of Hamilton, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Burnett and daughter, of Hanover, were in town for a few hours Saturday morning visiting relatives, and were pleased to have a call from them while here.

Mr. Harry Watson of Buffalo visited with his brother, David P. Watson, in Glenelg, and with other friends for the past two weeks, returning to Buffalo on Tuesday. Mr. Watson, who was formerly engineer at the Durham Stone & Sand Plant, now occupies a similar position with the South Buffalo railway, owned by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Pearce and daughter Otilie, of Stratford, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Limin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. McDonald, Mr. S. Thayer and the Misses Little, of Teeswater, visited at Mr. Thos. McComb's on Sunday and took in the opening services of the Presbyterian church.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Davey, sons Leonard and Roy, and Miss Florence Brown, all of Kincardine, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey of Bentinck.

Mr. and Mrs. Dougald Clark of Owen Sound visited with Bentinck friends over the week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Smith of Walkerton visited with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Henderson the beginning of the week.

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After Compulsory Films—Compulsory Film Goes

—Daily Express (London, Eng.)

MIDDLE CLASS SWELLS RISING DIVORCE RATE

In 1870 there were 3.3 divorces for every hundred marriages in the United States. In 1922 the average was 13.1, an increase of 350%, and it is calculated that of every eight couples who get married this year one will end up in the divorce court. The divorce statistics show a steady increase, and in another twenty or thirty years the pair who get married may have just an even-money chance of remaining married. In other words, the divorce hazard will be the same as the hazard of the wife predeceasing the husband or the husband the wife. In another generation or two the divorce hazard may be precisely the death hazard, certain to occur if the marriage continues long enough. But Clarence D. Dittmers, Professor of Sociology in New York University does not believe the outlook is hopeless. In time men and women will learn to adjust themselves to modern conditions. They are more intelligent to-day than ever before, but because of the tremendous social upheaval in the last two generations it will naturally take them some years to learn to play the game according to the new rules. The problem, in the opinion of Prof. Dittmers, will not be solved by making divorce laws stricter but by making saner regulations or marriage.

Where Divorce is Frequent

Prof. Dittmers notes that even today in small communities where the old stigma still holds, and where there is no chance for women to earn their living, there are few divorces. He notes that by far the largest class seeking divorce are in families where the husband is earning from \$2,500 to \$10,000 a year. Desertion solves the problem of unhappy marriage for the poor, and the very rich and prominent have social and business obligations that generally prevent them from going through the divorce court. Prof. Dittmers says that in the middle class the men generally marry young women who have previously earned their own living. Having been accustomed to spend their salaries on themselves they find economizing difficult when they are earning nothing they can call their own. They

DURHAM MARKET

Table with market prices for various goods like Live hogs, Wheat, Oats, Barley, Buckwheat, Peas, Mixed Grain, Hay, Eggs, and Butter. Corrected May 12, 1927.

Advertisement for Ontario Department of Highways. Title: 'Safety on the Highways must be maintained'. Text: 'NEW SPEED LIMIT THRUSTS GREATER RESPONSIBILITY ON DRIVERS FOR CARE AND COURTESY. A GREATER responsibility for alert caution rests on the motorist using the highways now that the speed limit has been raised. In every case speed must be governed by the circumstances. The change in the law does not to the slightest extent relieve the motorist from responsibility for careless or reckless driving. Indeed, in this respect the faster movement of traffic on the highways will thrust upon drivers a greater necessity for caution. In villages, in heavy traffic, at cross roads or railway crossings, where adults or children are using the highway, near schools, and at curves and bridges, care must be exercised by the motorist in accordance with the circumstances. Obedience to the law and courtesy to others is expected at all times. The raising of the speed limit in no way lessens the necessity for caution. The change in the law will not mitigate the offense of recklessness or carelessness on the part of any driver. Attention is particularly directed to the provision for cancellation of the car's license which may follow subsequent conviction for reckless driving. The safety of the highways must be maintained. The Department hopes that motorists will realize this and will strive through carefulness and courtesy to continue to keep Ontario highways safe for all who use them.'

have a lot of spare time, and never having been trained to occupy it properly they join clubs, chase out on shopping orgies, go to matinees, teas and so forth. In other words they establish formidable if not often rival interests outside the home. When they find they cannot afford to spend the way they want to spend the desire to go back to work assails many, and they take the route through the divorce court.

Hard on Husbands, Too

The disorganization of the old-established order is just as hard upon the husbands as upon the wives. Husbands work shorter hours than they used to, but in Prof. Dittmers' opinion they work harder. They have more business worries which few of them are able to cast aside as soon as they get home. For a husband to return after a hard day in the office and find his wife reeking of gin or bridge, and with no meal under way, is a disappointment that he is likely to comment upon. The hard-working husband, especially if he is ambitious, finds himself too tired and worried at the end of the day to enjoy his leisure hours with his family. So the drift apart begins. If there are children it will be found that as they grow older each has his or her separate interest or pleasure, and usually it lies outside the home. The old idea that the family would gather round the hearth while the father would take down the Bible and the wife temporarily suspend the making of rag carpets while prayers were held has been dispelled, and the new generation doesn't seem to care.

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CHEESE AS A FOOD

"Why and How to Use Cheese" is the title of a pamphlet of the Dominion Department of Agriculture which contains a large number of recipes for tempting dishes which may be made with cheese as an ingredient. From the standpoint of the housekeeper one great advantage of cheese is that it can be served in its natural state without heating, cooking or other preparation. At the same time it is made easier to digest by combining it with other foods. When eaten with bread or other starchy food, such as potatoes or macaroni, it forms a very satisfactory food combination and one easily digestible by most people. It may also be used in cooking in many different ways described in the pamphlet which may be obtained on application to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

A CORRECTION

In reporting the change in time on the C. P. R. last week we inadvertently said that "the 3 o'clock afternoon train" would leave at the same time as heretofore. This should have read "the 3.30 afternoon train." Readers will bear in mind that there is no change in the time of the afternoon service over the C. P. R.

TIRED OUT? RUN DOWN? NERVES GONE?

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" MAKES LIFE WORTH LIVING AGAIN



MR. J. O. RINGHEIM.

"Before I learnt about 'Fruit-a-tives' I felt tired out and run-down, and my nerves were completely gone. Work seemed impossible. Since taking 'Fruit-a-tives' I feel like doing my work. Life is worth living again. I owe my present good health to 'Fruit-a-tives' and unhesitatingly recommend them." So writes Mr. J. O. Ringheim, of Wynndel, B.C., whose experience is typical of thousands restored to health by this fine fruit medicine.

When the bowels and kidneys are not functioning properly and the stomach is hampered in its work, nervous troubles often follow. "Fruit-a-tives," the natural fruit medicine, sets things right quickly and safely. "Fruit-a-tives" is composed of fresh fruit juices, intensified and combined with tonics—a wonderful medicine. Step into the nearest drug store. Buy a 25-cent or 50-cent box. And know good health again.

To Toronto, the train leaving here at 2.30. The only change affecting the Walkerton branch is that the night train from Toronto arrives at 9.28 instead of 9.43.

DIED

McCaull—At 25 Indian Road Crescent, Toronto, on Sunday, May 1st, Margaret Douglas (Peggie) eldest daughter of Mrs. McCaull and the late George Lefroy McCaull.

MARRIAGES

Cowan—Macfarlane—On Saturday, May 7th, 1927, at high noon, at Aldersyde, Cannington, Ontario, by Rev. A. G. McCutcheon, Jean Clarke, younger daughter of the late Captain A. C. and Mabel Edwards Macfarlane, to Captain Charles Gibbs Cowan, only son of the late Hon. Col. W. J. and Mrs. Cowan, of "The Maples," Cannington.

Advertisement for Flower Seed and Fancy Groceries. Title: 'Flower seed'. Text: 'To insure yourself of enjoying only great hardy plant and bloom, plant only Ferris' and Rennie's flower and garden seeds. Make your yard and garden a beautiful spot this summer with flowers. We can assist you in selection which will insure a constant bloom throughout the summer. Specials For This Week: Tree ripe Peas, 2 lb. tin \$.19; Aylmer Choice Peaches, 2 lb. tin .29; Pure Strawberry Jam, 4 lb. tin .75; Pure Plum Jam, 4 lb. tin .49; Peas and Corn, 2 tins for .25; Tomatoes, 2 tins for .27; Macaroni in bulk, per lb. .10. We Specialize in Fancy Groceries and Canned Goods and will guarantee the quality of these goods. Apex hand packed Tomatoes per tin \$.20; Beach-Eakin pure Strawberry jam, 4 lb. tin 1.00; Libby's Dill Pickles, tin .30; Escottier Chow-Chow Pickles, per jar .45; Escottier Derby Sauce .25; Concentrated Tomato Paste per tin .25; Premier Salad Dressing, 3 1/2 oz. jar .30; Heinz Salad Dressing, 6 oz. jar .30; Sandwich Spree .30. J. & W. McLachlan The Quality Grocers Durham, Ont.

CRISP COMMENT Never put off until you can wear your star. As a man thinks, so for some people never (Okla. Eagle). Anywhere is where I like to be instead of where (Oshawa Reformer). The modern girl, she wisecracker, put on anything else, she is. Remember way back in old days when night people slept?—(Huron Correspondence). Course in dressing, course of course. When you have a married life is the sure sign that he has nearly a week. (Kitchener Telegram). Scientists tell us that worth about as much as isn't worth a cent either.—(Kingston White). Some of the benefits of ico are pretty bad. To hard to make it appear almost as unsafe today as in this country. (Toronto Telegram). If you develop the Governor of North Carolina the Governor of South Carolina. "It's a long drink" but "Do you know"—(Ottawa Journal). Mayor Big Bill Thompson says he is going to crook out of that city in 5 days. It would be more if he were to lead them (Huron Herald). A lot of people would to a ripe old age if they the right of way.—(Oshawa). When Evangelist Amson's business manager week was "a profitable uncertain whether he to souls or dollars.—(Huron Herald). The typhoid epidemic is under control. The 3 controlled it was before Woodstock, Scotland.—(Huron Herald). Again the season is motorists to see American highway billboards in Buffalo Courier-Express. They are selling it "three to the pair" now, dear things may have case of a puncture.—(Toronto Youth). The reckless driver, appear dressed in tyrois, but fined for the one offense Spectator. The prairie province large increase in the price The west may be no long it's still woolly.—(Dorset). Mr. Edison conceives intelligence pervades the He might even be indur that he could not invent machine.—(Hamilton News). The notice in the room which reads "Have you thing?" should be changed you anything left?—(Montreal). 'Tis a matter for us that Canadians had not Christmas than "Time who is now talking from via.—(Toronto Telegram). Snow shovelers are overworked this winter the family man is not get customer exercise.—(Grand People across the ice commencing to feel the portion of the territory warranted.—(Brantford). One pedestrian, who ran over in London 15 minutes. I imagine he get rather tired of it.—(Daily Pictorial). According to a writer call for a single girl to hand. Sometimes it's married ones.—(London). Professor A. V. Hill is normal man's heart beats times a day. These 5 have much to answer Sunday Pictorial). There is tremendous soft coal fields. Life is quite the same without turning dirt in the Brantford Exposition. An English court husband an injunction his wife to speak to him however, she has almost last word.—(Hamilton News). Running a 82 ball hit the Casino, Games, this movement of a Toronto much more difficult than the process.—(Hamilton News). If his sleeves come in creased, it is to be hoped inference will not be on the balance of the skirt. Expositor. Water! Water! What is Good Health? Why take a chance, water that is polluted unfit for domestic use. Pure Water can be had having a well drilled handle Pumps and Pairs. Satisfaction Guaranteed. ED. J. PRATT R.R. No. 4, Durham.