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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.

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## ENCOURAGE THE TOURISTS

The Owen Sound *Sun-Times* in a well-written editorial says that the tourist traffic should be encouraged. From the back benches all will answer "Aye, Aye, Sir," but the next step is to get out and do something. Situated on the lake shore Owen Sound is perhaps more interested in this tourist traffic than towns like Durham and other inland municipalities, but at that we would like to see something done to encourage the annual visits of these tourists who spend thousands of dollars in the country.

The *Sun-Times* calls attention to the fact that July and August will be the big months for tourist traffic and takes a rap at the Owen Sound Council for cutting off the usual publicity funds with which to advertise the city and vicinity. Its claim that the refusal of a grant for publicity purposes has not met with very general approval, especially by the business men of the city who pay the major portion of the taxes may be well founded but is a matter that must be dealt with in Owen Sound. It is really no one else's business and we have no opinions to express. We do believe, though, that a certain amount of publicity is required if the tourists are to be kept coming this way in any numbers.

There is another matter which should also be looked into. This is the condition of our highways, especially those under repair. We are all acquainted with the methods employed by the Grey County Road Commission in the matter of erecting detour signs. Compared with the system adopted by the Provincial Highways Department they are obsolete. We have never yet seen a proper detour sign erected by the County Commission when repairs were being made to a road. There may have been such signs in use, but we have never seen them.

Only last Sunday while motoring to Thornbury by way of Eugenia we ran into a detour at the Eugenia intersection of the County and Durham roads some three miles east of Flesherton. The road was closed. This was the information given out by a sign on a pole erected on the bridge a few feet from the highway. And this was all the information it contained. There were no other directions as to how one might get to Eugenia. To those of us who know this country it mattered very little, if any, but what would a stranger do?

Township Councils could also help in attracting tourists to this part of Ontario by paying more attention to some things on the highway under their jurisdiction. A short distance south of Epping a bridge went out this spring. There is a sign at the top of a rather bad hill notifying motorists and others that the bridge is out and that they may use the roadway at their own risk. A temporary bridge has been built and while the bridge is all that could be expected the approaches are in an abominable condition. A man or two with a pick and shovel would, in half an hour, make the approaches passable. No doubt there are many other such cases throughout the county. These things may mean little to residents in the vicinity, but they do mean a lot to strangers who are not acquainted with the roadways and who will appreciate any little courtesies that will make their travelling easier.

There is little use in advertising this part of Ontario as a tourists' paradise if we are to continue the practice of detouring them off the main roads when repairs are being made, only to let them find their way back to the highway the best way they can. Advertising may bring them here, but it is the courtesy with which we receive them and the easiness with which they may get from one point to where they are going that will hold them. Two hours spent in a strange country searching for a road that apparently isn't there will do more to make a man pass by any particular motor route than anything else we know.

## SAVING THE FISH

The depletion of the trout streams of Ontario has been causing serious thought for a good many years. Citizens are generally well informed on the manner in which the Government has attempted to restock the fishing areas of the Province by putting out fry and fingerlings, and most of us are also of the opinion that all this has not made very much difference in the numbers of fish to be caught. The general impression seems to be that the fishing of the future is doomed if something is not done. What that something should be, however, has not yet been worked out.

Personally, we think the Government is on the wrong track. We do not believe that the disappearance of the fish can be blamed wholly on the fishermen. It is true that there are too many fish hogs, and it is also true that there are too many fishermen who will take fish that are not of the length required by law. Even this, in our opinion, does not explain away the disappearing of the speckled beauties.

If there is one thing more than anything else that has contributed to the depletion of our streams we believe it is the clearing up of the country. Speckled trout are a cold water fish. They are also a fish that thrive best in a stream surrounded by woods. The cutting of the timber from alongside the river banks and the clearing up of the land has undoubtedly been responsible for the trout dying off or their failure to propagate. Speckled trout do not like too much sunlight and, with the clearing of the river banks of woods, the letting in of the sun's rays and the consequent warming of the water the trout simply could not flourish. Add to this the fact that the sucker and the chub are a warm water fish and are said to feed on the spawn of the trout, it needs little imag-

ination to solve the riddle as to the disappearance of our best known and most highly prized game fish. It has long been known that with the disappearance of the bush the suckers and chub make their appearance and the trout their exit.

How to preserve our trout streams is a problem. Several schemes tried so far have not been very successful. A suggestion might be for the Government to either buy or in some other manner get control of the river banks, plant trees alongside and stock them with fry or fingerlings and prohibit fishing for two or three years. This might or might not be the solution, but we do not think the depopulation of our fish streams will ever be overcome by the present methods so long as we continue to upset Nature and allow the sun to beat down on the unprotected waters. Those people who raise gold fish will tell you that they cannot do well in a jar placed in a strong light all the time. Why, then, should the speckled trout be expected to multiply in streams unprotected from the sun?

## FANATICAL LOGIC

The Rev. Dr. J. W. Gillon of Shawnee, Oklahoma, speaking at the closing session of the Fundamental Baptist Young People's Association of Ontario and Quebec gathering in Toronto last Friday night is credited with saying that "No man or woman is fit to be a church member who goes to the movies and every preacher who goes ought to be turned out of the church and his credentials taken from him."

This is rather strong language to use in preaching the gospel of goodwill toward men, meekness, charity, and other attributes of Christianity as expounded by the various churches of the land. He may be a good man and live up to what he preaches, but as for charity of thought, he did not display it very prominently in his Toronto address. One might be pardoned for inquiring if he was preaching for the sensation of getting his name on the front page, or for the good of his hearers.

We haven't a thing against the clergy or the church, but we do take a stand against fanatical utterances of this kind and fully believe that such doctrines will drive more people out of a church than it will attract. According to Rev. Dr. Gillon a person who attends a movie show is not even entitled to be regarded as a decent citizen. Mr. Gillon further stated that "every church is full of men and women who are drifting today till it has no power left". Utterances like this can only make them drift further away.

There are no doubt theatrical presentations that should not be allowed, and there it little question that there are some movie attendants who are everything that the Oklahoma divine says, but that is no reason why a public man should come out with the unqualified statement that everybody who attends a show belongs in this class. We believe that preachers, like others, should be charitable and temperate in thought and utterance, and not fanatical.

Such statements as are credited to Dr. Gillon make us think of the man who went into a very fine hotel for his dinner and then criticized the whole meal because they had one or two articles on the bill of fare that he did not like. There are people attending the movies who are not what they should be. There are also people who parade to church each Sunday with sanctimonious step and an arm full of books who spend the balance of the week short-changing their fellow-men. If there is to be a general clean-up made, we would say to start at home with this latter class and deal with the other fellows later.

We are loath to believe that the speaker referred to really did make such silly statements and think he must surely have been "misquoted" but in any event we have too much faith in human nature to think that a man has to sing psalms and yell his head off if he hopes to be classed with that salt of the earth, Mr. General Average Citizen.

Religion, like fire, is a good thing, but it is dangerous to let it get out of control. It may increase and cause trouble. This old world still contains a large majority of humans who, while perhaps not heavyweights at church attendance, go about their daily avocations peacefully and honestly, and trying to do well by their fellow-men.

## THE PERSONAL COLUMN

What has become of the "Social and Personal" column in the majority of the weekly newspapers? They are one of the newspaper's features still, it is true, but how different! Blame it on the automobile. With the traffic that is on the road nowadays it is impossible to keep track of the family visitors without a good deal of help from the hosts or hostesses and these, too, as busy as the rest of us, have little time for this kind of thing.

Travel has become one of the common things of life in this year of grace, and once a thing becomes common, it is apparently less interesting. A few years ago the only travelling in this country was done by train and about the only places visited were the city or distant points. There was no dodging the news reporters then. Nowadays a person can back out the motor car and spend two or three days two hundred miles away, return to town and nobody knows anything about it. Not so very long ago a visit to Holstein or Priceville was an event and had to be recorded. Now one may combine the two places with several others during a single evening's outing and the neighbors know nothing more of it other than that you had the family out for a ride.

There is so much visiting nowadays, and so many visitors, that unless one is well acquainted with the circumstances little attention is paid to it. A few years ago a stranger in town was a marked man; now he is lucky if he gets so much as a glance. He may be a visitor at your next door neighbor's or a tourist from Alabama.

Familiarity breeds contempt, and with so many strangers passing through a town the average newspaper reporter gets dizzy watching them go by, ceases to ask questions of so personal a nature and the society column suffers as a result. The column set aside in the small town weekly newspapers for "those of your friends who come and go" is still there, and while it is smaller than a few years ago it is not due to the dilatoriousness of the reporter so much as his utter inability to keep in touch with the numerous motor cars and separate the tourists from the honest-to-goodness visitors.

## MOURN INFANT DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Livingston, with her mother Mrs. W. J. Hewitt, arrived from Detroit Sunday afternoon with the remains of the former's baby, who died Saturday morning at the family home, Eastlawn avenue, Detroit. The funeral took place from the home of the grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hewitt, on Monday afternoon, the service being conducted by their pastor, Rev. H. S. Fiddes of Queen Street church, who preached a very comforting sermon. Interment was made in Durham cemetery.

The little casket was covered with flowers from sympathizing friends, amongst which were wreaths from Mr. and Mrs. Fergus Wagg, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Wagg, Mrs. Leonard and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Matson, Mr. and Mrs. John Morrison and family, Mr. and Mrs. George Livingston and mother, and sprays from Mr. and Mrs. Neil Livingston, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp and mother, Mrs. and Mrs. Hand-Samuels, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brown, all of Detroit, a spray from the grandparents and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hewitt and Miss Ethel Hewitt, Durham.

The pall bearers were Gordon Kennedy, Robert Milne, Ross Howell and George Prew, and the flower girls were Misses Margaret Erwin, Edith Erwin, Ethel Erwin, Jean McDonald, Eulalia Wilson and Jean Erwin.

Mr. Livingston, the father, left Tuesday for Detroit, but Mrs. Livingston is remaining at the parental home here for a time.

## Didn't Notice Barricade

A new culvert is being constructed at W. J. Taylor's corner, to take the place of the arch culvert that was washed away by the flood on April 6th. The road is well barricaded, but that did not prevent Edward Kutz, fireman at Elliott's brickyard, from making his way through with his Chevrolet touring car last Saturday night. When the machine got safely past all the obstacles it took a header down over the culvert excavation into the creek. The driver was very reasonable about it when the township officials came along, and agreed to say nothing about the mishap if the municipal fathers did the same. The matter was thus amicably settled and those who saw the position of the car are amazed that the driver escaped with his life. He got off without a scratch.—Midway Gazette.

## Pouring Cement For 50 Tanks

Progress is being rapidly made on the new elevator. With the foundation and the "mat" complete pouring of cement for fifty bins was commenced on Monday morning. These are 100 feet in height and 22 feet in diameter and are being erected simultaneously. The pouring goes on throughout the day and night and will be continued until the necessary height is attained, probably three weeks hence. On top of the tanks or bins will be four stories of housing these to take care of the necessary machinery, belting carriers and other equipment required in the upper parts of structure. The main machinery has not yet arrived, but will be here in July and installed immediately thereafter. The contractors for the elevator are Carter, Halls and Adlinger of Winnipeg.—Collingwood Bulletin.

## Had Narrow Escape

While returning from Owen Sound on Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Lloyd (Tory) Gregg had a narrow escape from serious injury, when his roadster was crushed by a heavy coupe, just north of Tara. Swinging up over a sharp grade, travelling at a moderate speed, Lloyd was confronted by a team of horses on his left, and another car, a Studebaker coupe driven by a Toronto commercial traveller, on his right, the latter in the act of passing the horse-drawn vehicle. The Toronto man swung farther to Gregg's right in an attempt to let Gregg pass between car and wagon, but Lloyd was then too close to avert the collision. Through the wheel of the car over hard to avoid striking head-on, he was struck near the back of the car on the right side. His car was completely turned around by the impact. Both cars were greatly damaged, but fortunately no one was seriously injured. Mr. Charlie McArthur, of town, one of the passengers in Gregg's car had his right arm badly scraped on the wind-shield. Both cars were insured.—Paisley Advocate.

## MAPLEWOOD CEMETERY BEE

The trustees of Maplewood cemetery have announced their annual bee for Tuesday, June 11, and request that all who can turn out and put in a good day's work. The trustees have a programme arranged and there will be little lost time in getting down to business. It is requested that those in charge will look after the organizing of the programme that the efforts in may surpass all previous efforts in beautifying the cemetery. The work of previous years is showing up well, but it will take a lot of effort yet to put the grounds in the condition the trustees desire.

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 Sr. IV.—Margaret Firth, Viola Neely, son, Jim Bell, Gordon Greenwood, Jr. II.—Mary Allen, Jean Firth, Sr. II.—Willie Scheuerman, Alida Staples, George Scheuerman, Jr. I.—Edna Bell, Edge, Cecil Anderson, Sr. Pr.—Arlene Bebb, Margaret Kenny, Jack Williams, Henry Williams, Sr. Pr.—Leona McNally, Ellison Edge, May Scheuerman, Emma Scheuerman.  
 Average attendance, 28.  
 Hazel J. Beaton, Teacher.

## BAPTIZED ON SUNDAY

Baptismal services were held Sunday in the Queen Street and Zion United churches. Following are the children baptized: Norman Leroy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lawrence, Durham; Chester Rexford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rex. Lawrence, Bentinck; Clara Dorse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Young of Egremont; Mary Margaret Maxine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clark, Glenelg.

## HOSPITAL NOTES

George Burnett, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George S. Burnett of town, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the local hospital last Thursday morning. During the operation serious complications were discovered and for a time the patient was in a most critical condition. We are pleased to know that he is at present recovering and doing as well as could be expected.

Mr. R. J. Torry of Glenelg is a patient at Durham hospital, where, on Tuesday of last week he underwent an operation. He is recovering nicely. Dr. Jamieson was the surgeon in both cases.



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