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Notes and Comments

A Little Spanking Might Help

While three Supreme Court Justices were hearing the appeal of a 15-year-old boy from a sentence of two years in the Ontario Reformatory for the theft of two cars, one member of the Bench observed that, "A good spanking might prevent much of the juvenile crime," and the Crown Attorney added, "I wish parliament would make the necessary amendment to the Code."

There might be something in the suggestion. How practicable and effective it would be is another question. With boys who are just entering adolescence and who think they are quite "grown up" spanking might work by pulling the lads off their hero pedestals, letting them know that they are still children and to be dealt with as such; but beyond that they may raise objection. They say older boys might be more likely to inculcate a feeling of "soreness"—mental as well as physical—a feeling that they had been brutally treated and a determination to resent what they would consider an insult—resentment which might be shown by the commission of other crimes. We do not agree with this view.

The trouble is that too much of the spanking is delayed until too late. Indulgent parents, when the young gentleman really needs an application of the slipper or the hair-brush, are too prone to think, "Oh, he's too small!" And, first thing you know, little Jimmy has grown too big to be spanked.

Small Interest in Municipal Elections

Several of the surrounding municipalities have now had their nomination meeting for the choice of candidates for 1946. In no case—Stouffville, Markham or other centres about us—was there one well attended meeting. The inference may be drawn that the ratepayers were satisfied with the old council, and were not adverse to their return by acclamation. In any event they were satisfied to the point that they lacked interest to come out and nominate new men to run for office.

This interpretation is one the sitting councillors like to place on the lack of interest shown.

There is, however, a stronger reason for non-attendance at nomination meetings, and it is that generally speaking ratepayers are enjoying very prosperous times; whether they be farmers, workmen who want to work, and all other classes. When this condition prevails taxes are easily paid, and hence the ratepayer becomes indifferent as to who is running things.

It is when times are hard, and every dollar must count that folks look sharply at their tax bills, and complain readily about how their money is spent. Those times will come again, and sooner than many people expect. The wise council will get things done when the opportunity is here, so that when dollars are harder to earn, the tax bill may be kept at a minimum.

"The Fear of God"

The common phrase used in describing an explosion is that something was "blown to atoms," and if we wanted to be more emphatic and total we would say it was "blown to smithereens."

The first is an obvious exaggeration, for no explosion ever blew anything to totally separated atoms; and as for the latter—well, what are, or where is smithereens? Perhaps "smithereens" would be the best description of the effect of the explosion of the atomic bomb in which the atoms themselves are blown into radiation—that is, they are smithered into nothingness. One of our townsmen Hugh Bannerman used the word smithereens in our presence one day recently, which gave us the "kick off" or basis of what this editorial has developed into.

When the Apostle Paul said that "Things that are seen were not made from things that do appear," he was stating a fact which it has taken science nearly two thousand years to discover. Scientists tell us that when the atom splits each of the parts into which it is broken requires and sets about instantly to obtain many times the amount of space needed for the unsplit atom. The result is an explosion that is said to be 20,000 times as great as that produced by the same quantity of deadly T.N.T., which does not affect the atom itself.

This power is said to have been locked up in the atom since the dawn of creation, and it would appear that with the dawn of what we are calling the "Atomic Age" the process of creation has begun to go into reverse.

The other day the Archbishop of York quite seriously expressed the fear that the atomic bomb foreboded the end of the world, and that it might result in the literal fulfilment of the scriptural prophecy of the last day, when "the elements would burn with fervent heat." That is, certainly what happened locally in Hiroshima, when the end of the world came to thousands of the people of that city "in a moment; in the twinkling of an eye."

Whether or not such swift and terrible destruction could ever be wreaked universally by some greater scientific release of atomic power, what has already been wrought is enough to make civilized man pause and consider whether it is withering. The question arises as to whether we are meddling too much with the structure of the universe,—like the boy who, out of curiosity, took the clock to pieces to see how it worked, and then could not put it together again.

In this connection another passage of Scripture might be quoted, in which the writer of Ecclesiastes says: "Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions." If Solomon thought that three thousand years ago, what would that wise man say of our Atomic Age when the inventions of man, according to the inventors themselves, threaten his total destruction?

Banking the House for Winter

Now is the time of year when thrifty country folk think seriously of "banking the house." Methods and materials may differ, but the end result in the same—a home snuggled down for the winter and made as impervious to the blasts of Boreas as is humanly possible.

There is a school of house-bankers which believes that leaves, tightly packed around the foundations and held in place by a wall of boards and a capping of earth, are the best possible assurance of a warm house.

But these slightly misled folk have never experienced the comfort provided by a banking of solidly packed salt hay, such as is used by the householders of the New England shore area.

And neither of these schools holds with those who insist upon heaped-up pine and spruce boughs. But all agree that when November brings the cry of geese from the gray skies, it's time to think of banking the house.

New homes, however, are seldom banked, since with their modern cement walls going below the frost line repel the frost, and somehow do not call for banking. However, they do not provide the same desirable storage place for roots and vegetables as the old cellar gives, and so we go modern with our cellars, but we pay the cost of giving up a storage space for winter supplies that was most desirable.

OUR CAPITAL CORRESPONDENT

Written expressly for The Stouffville Tribune by Dean Wilson

In view of the nation-wide wave of violent crimes sweeping across this country like a wild fire, it can be reported that the Government has disclosed in Ottawa that it plans to establish a commission to examine some of the penal reforms suggested by a Royal Commission in the year 1939; though such action awaited only the end of the war and it would have been taken earlier if conditions had permitted. In fact, a Bill to amend the Penitentiaries Act has already been presented in Parliament, with the Minister of Justice, Hon. Louis St. Laurent, stating that he would not have the time to investigate the recommendations so that a full-time man was required and the latter would probably have to study the penal systems in other countries, such as the United States and Great Britain, as well as Canada before suggesting suitable changes to aid the Canadian penal system. Indeed, the Minister himself confessed that there was need for improvement in the Canadian system, especially for those Canadians who have fallen by the wayside.

The Canadian rehabilitation program is the most complete of any yet formed by Allied countries. It is not charity—it teaches self-service and it is designed to help a veteran help himself. These were the words stated by an official rehabilitation liaison officer in Ottawa who was a counsellor with the armed forces personnel prior to his discharge. After explaining the workings of the Canadian government legislation for rehabilitation and the official program designed to rehabilitate men and women into the economic as well as social life, he criticized those in Canada who took isolated individual cases of misbehaviour since leaving the armed forces, stressing in no uncertain language that these were very few in number in comparison with those who had accomplished a splendid job of rehabilitation.

There are predictions in the capital that the heated dispute started by Finance Minister Isley, as spokesman for the Government, when he declared that the government derived its authority from the Crown and it was not delegated to a Parliament, thought the government was responsible to Parliament, will not die a natural death and it will be heard about for

a long time to come, especially since this declaration was not disputed by the leader of the Official Opposition. Hon. John Bracken, and the leader of the C.C.F., M.J. Coldwell, with the latter two protesting loudly against the viewpoint. It started when a request was made for the production of correspondence exchanged between officials of the Crown. Mr. Isley, usually calm, disclosed great anger and delivered his lecture, at times, in a shout, as he argued that the time of Parliament was taken up with "an apparent attempt to govern rather than legislate" on frequent occasions. However, Mr. Bracken insisted that he didn't have to apologize for questioning government expenditures and despite technicalities the representatives of the people were entitled to know what was going on. Mr. Coldwell also disputed the Government's stand with among other arguments, stating: "I declare that that authority is derived from the people." The Government was answerable to the elected representatives of the people, he claimed, and not to the Crown or its representatives.

When Prime Minister Attlee came to this capital and he showed all signs of great anxiety to return home, it was obvious to well-informed observers here why because it is known that his Labor Government in Britain is faced with an unprecedented task of major legislation in this session. The ambitious program of the new Labor Government in the United Kingdom includes history-making legislation to nationalize the Bank of England, a Bill to take over the coal mines, remarkable plans for social insurance as well as state medical services, schemes to nationalize Empire cable systems, inland transport, electricity and gas enterprises, and numerous other undertakings. "It is the maintaining of victory and not the winning of it which is really difficult," said in Ottawa Canada's Minister for Air, Hon. Collin Gibson. "Canada is looking to its war veterans to provide leadership and experience for its reserve forces which can rapidly be expanded should the necessity again arise." With the departure of Col. Henri Desrosiers, CMG, DSO, until recently Deputy Minister of National Defence in Ottawa, it can be revealed that he originally came to this capital for "only a couple of months" service in 1939 but circumstances caused him to be retained here for over six years. Likewise, it may be noted that one of the greatest recognized authorities in Canada on the resources and development of the Canadian Northwest Territories, Dr. Charles Cammell, Deputy Minister of Mines and Resources, has had his term of

office extended for another period until the end of December, though he will be 70 years of age on Feb. 8, 1946. His services have been found so essential by the Government that again and again and again extensions have been made in his case in order that he may be enabled to serve in Ottawa. "We would have a healthier, happier, more comfortable country to live in were the wartime trend of people from the rural parts of Canada to the war industries in the cities reversed," declared in part Ralph M. Warren, Member of Parliament for Renfrew North, and his assertions were greeted with loud applause from the other Members present in the House of Commons during a debate on the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Since Canadian tanners' products to the extent of 20 per cent will be free from their quotas whereas in the past such tanners had to turn over 100 per cent of their products in the direction indicated by the Government, it is believed in well-informed quarters in Ottawa that it is quite possible now that better shoes and greater quantities may be the result, if proper labour can be obtained to work in the Canadian tanneries in sufficient number to meet the needs.

W.P.T.B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

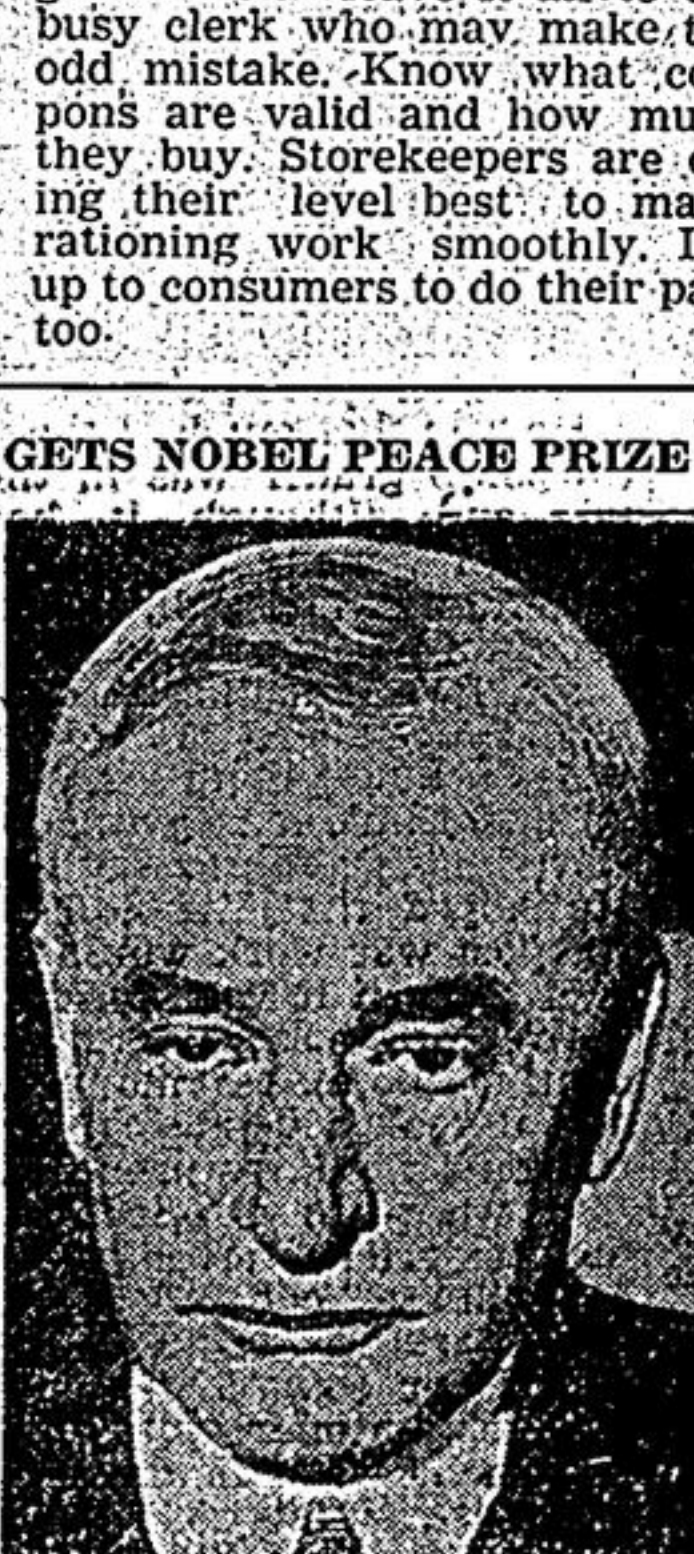
Q—I am a farmer, do I have to collect coupons when I sell meat to my farmer neighbor?
A—Yes. Farmers who slaughter livestock must collect meat coupons for all meat they sell. If meat is sold to other farmers, the rate is one M coupon for every 4 lbs. of meat even if it is necessary to collect coupons not yet declared valid. These coupons must be forwarded to the local Ration Board at the end of each month in RB-61 envelope provided for that purpose.
Q—I am in the armed forces, I expect to have an extension of leave granted, where do I go to get my ration coupons?
A—Whenever "extended leave" is granted, a second ration card to cover such leave will be forwarded automatically by your unit to the address where you are staying, along with the notice regarding such extension.
Q—If I kill a deer this fall, do I have to give coupons for the meat?
A—No. Deer is one of the types of meat which is not on the meat ration chart, therefore no coupons need be collected for this meat at any time.
Q—I have been discharged from the

armed forces. How will I get a ration book?
A—The Army Demobilization Unit will give you an application form RB-64D when you are discharged. This should be completed in detail and taken or sent to your Local Ration Board. A ration book will be issued to you immediately.

Q—I would like to report a racket in some stores where clerks are tearing out more coupons than enough to cover a purchase. I have had coupons lifted three times now.
A—It's up to you as a shopper to check coupons removed at the time you are buying rationed goods. Don't leave it all to the busy clerk who may make the odd mistake. Know what coupons are valid and how much they buy. Storekeepers are doing their level best to make rationing work smoothly. It's up to consumers to do their part too.

GETS NOBEL PEACE PRIZE

Cordell Hull, former U.S. secretary of state, has been awarded the Nobel peace prize for 1945, which carried with it a cash award of about \$57,000. The award will be made officially Dec. 12, and hope has been expressed by the Norwegian government that the elderly statesman will be able to journey to Norway to accept the prize. The peace prize will not be awarded for the years 1939 to 1943, it was announced.



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STANLEY THEATRE

Box Office opens daily at six-thirty p.m., shows begin 7 p.m.

Now Playing

Advertisement for 'Medal For Benny' featuring Benny and a woman. Text includes 'SURE I LIKE LOVE... BUT NOT WITH YOU... I LIKE IT WITH Benny!' and 'LAMOUR CORDOVA'. Credits: JOHN STEINBECK, J. CARROL NAISH.

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Advertisement for 'Circumstantial Evidence' featuring Michael O'Shea and Lloyd Nolan. Text includes 'The Two-Fisted Story of a Tough Guy!' and 'ALL THE THRILLS YOU CAN STAND! ZANE GREYS NEVADA'. Credits: MITCHELL, JEFFREYS, WILLIAMS, GATES, MARTIN.

MONDAY and TUESDAY — DECEMBER 3 and 4

Advertisement for 'FOR WHOM THE BELL TOLLS' featuring Gary Cooper and Ingrid Bergman. Text includes 'Paramount's' and 'Cooper Bergman'. Credits: AKIM TAMIROFF, ARTURO DE CORDOVA, JOSEPH CALLEIA, KATINA PAXINOU.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY — DECEMBER 5 and 6

"Where Do We Go From Here"

CHILD OF THREE DRIVES TRACTOR, MILKS THE COWS. Barbara Joyce Scroggie, aged three, can milk a cow half dry at one sitting, drive a tractor, feed the chickens and look after her own calf, Rosie on her father's farm at Troy in Wentworth county. Her parents say the Wentworth County child has other skills which would put to shame many children three times her age.

Advertisement for 'THE OLD HOME TOWN' by Stanley. Text includes 'AFTER 4 YEARS OF ASSORTED ARMY SLEEPING, WE WANT TO SLEEP HERE, A COUPLE O' NIGHTS JUST TO TAPER OFF BEFORE WE GO HOME AND SINK INTO MAW'S FEATHER BEDS!' and 'GO TO IT, THERE'S NOT A BUGLER IN TOWN!'. Bottom text: 'BACK ON THE HOME SWEET HOME FRONT'.