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NOTES and COMMENTS

Worm Turns

A man who has made charitable contributions to several worthy causes now suspects that he has got himself on a "special names list" for any money-raising campaign that happens to be in progress. That, at least, is how he accounts for his receipt of an appeal from the county town of what may be called Missinaba County.

The appeal begins, "Dear Mr. Blank: Don't you sometimes wish you were back in Missinaba County?" and goes on to explain that the county is endeavoring to enlarge its Memorial Hospital and is looking for contributions.

Mr. Blank says that the appeal might flutter the heart-strings and pursestrings of Missinaba Old Boys. He wasn't born in the county and his principal recollection of the dear old place is of a lost argument with a policeman when he was driving through the county town.

Nothing To Blow About

The other morning while listening to the radio, there was a brief commentary by the announcer on noisy wedding parties. He was referring, not to the racket created in the home, but to the horn blowing, and dangerous speeding in the street after the wedding.

It seems that a town in United States has come up with a courtesy card which is distributed to motorists attending weddings in which they are reminded that horn-honking and other forms of post-wedding noise-making in the streets is against the law. The card suggests that the police department of the town wants the party to have an excellent time but asks that they forego breaking the noise-making ordinance. It was reported by the commentator that the system was meeting with splendid co-operation.

Stouffville has been noted for sometime for its noisy wedding processions and since getting married is really nothing to blow about (on a car horn that is) it might be a relief to many people if a similar scheme were invoked here.

50 Years of Service

The 50th Anniversary of the Women's Institutes of South Ontario, celebrated at Brooklin, brings to public attention the great public service which has been rendered by Women's Institutes over the last half-century. It also focuses attention on the way in which this organized movement of rural women, started at Stoney Creek, Ontario, in 1897, has spread throughout the civilized world, and has resulted in over twenty-five countries having the benefit of the organized activity of the women of the rural areas.

The first Women's Institute was started in an effort to bring to rural housewives of Ontario the benefits of the study of home problems, of the problems of food and nutrition, and the raising of standards of rural living. In the early days, this was accomplished through lecture courses and demonstrations arranged by local Institutes. But in the intervening fifty years, the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario have become a great, moving force in the improvement of conditions in the farming communities.

Much of the legislation now on the statute books of Ontario relative to public health, to medical and dental service for schools, to improved educational facilities for rural children, to the teaching of music in the schools, and for the improvement of community life, has stemmed directly from the efforts of the Women's Institutes to impress successive governments with the importance of these matters.

As one of the pioneer districts in the movement in Ontario, South Ontario, through its branches of the Women's Institute, has made a great contribution to the work which has been sponsored and made effective by that organization. Those women who planned it in early days of the organization built well, and those who have followed have raised a strong superstructure on that foundation. As they look forward to the next fifty years, they can find courage and inspiration in the story of the past, and a challenge to make the future of the Women's Institutes in Ontario productive of many advances in the status of rural women and in the comfort and convenience of the farm home.—Oshawa Times

Baseball and Taxes

(By R. J. Deachman)

Babe Ruth knowing something of baseball, received in 1931, \$80,000 for the season. The income tax took him for a loop. He netted only \$68,535—after taxes.

Ted Williams, in 1950, will receive \$125,000. Federal income tax will cut him down, he will end up the year with \$62,038.

Inflation, since 1931, has cut the purchasing power of the dollar so Ted Williams' take home pay in 1950 is a little more than half that of Babe Ruth's in 1931—57% if you want to be exact about it.

Yes, these figures are American, it couldn't happen to us, or could it? The question is worth considering. Let us examine the facts. Here is a business executive who had, in 1939, an income of \$10,000. He also had something of more value, a wife and two children. His total income tax in that year was \$748.45, of which \$194.05 was provincial income tax—there is now no provincial income tax in Ontario. In 1949 he would pay, on the same income \$1,582.

This chap was a bright lad. He rose rapidly in business. In 1949 his income was \$25,000, subject, of course, to income tax and touched by the higher cost of living. Let us see how he fared. On his \$25,000 income he now paid \$7,625.00. His take home pay was \$17,375.00. Lucky dog—but wait we are not yet through with this boy. The cost of living is up approximately 60%. In other words he must pay now \$1.60 for the goods which cost him \$1.00 in distant 1939. If we divide his take home pay by \$1.60 we will have his earnings in terms of dollars of 1939 purchasing power. What is the answer? I have worked it out for you: It is \$10,858.00. He didn't get away much on the \$15,000 salary increase, did he?

Let us see what happened to a smaller fish in the puddle. Assume that the man with \$5,000 in 1939 moved up to \$10,000 in 1949 and see what happened to him. In the earlier year he paid in taxes \$133.60 leaving him with \$4,866.40. When his income rose to \$10,000, his taxes amounted to \$1,582.00, leaving him with \$8,418.00. Now run it through the increased living costs—divide by 160—he has or had in his hands or in the bank \$5,261.00. I wonder if he thought much of his new found riches.

What happens to the fellow with an income of \$2,750 in 1939? He paid no Federal income tax. If his income is now \$5,000 he pays \$453.00 in income tax. He has \$4,547 dollars to spend equivalent to \$2,842 in terms of pre-war dollars. The income of each had increased slightly, the chap who held to his old earnings was strictly out of luck. War cannot enrich the nation, war leaves us poorer than we were. A farmer cannot get rich by burning his crops. The manufacturer gains nothing from smashing his machines. War is destruction, without reason or common sense. The only things it creates are poverty, hate, want and misery. The conquest of war is the greatest task of humanity. Will we ever be equal to it?

children shall come again to their own border."

Q.—Second Samuel 24:24 states that David paid fifty shekels of silver for a threshing floor and I Chronicles 21:25 says that he paid 600 shekels of gold. Isn't this a contradiction.

A.—No; read the entire passages. In the first, he bought the threshing floor and oxen for sacrifice; in the second, he purchased the whole place, which was Mount Moriah, on which to build the temple. (See I Chronicles 22:1.)

Q.—When antichrist comes, will the preaching of the gospel be forbidden?

A.—Many antichrists have already appeared. I John 2:18: "Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time." These antichrists have not always forbidden the preaching of the gospel, but sometimes they have corrupted it. "Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son." Verse 22. Read also 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Peter 2:1.

Before she was 15 years old, Charlotte Bronte wrote 23 novels.

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6-year-old Diana Reesor of Locust Hill is enviously watched by bearded Samuel

Ramer, SS, of R.R.2 Markham. Both were among the 1,200 Reesor descendants

FOR PARENTS ONLY

EVERY FAMILY WANTS A DAD

(By Nancy Cleaver)

A home is started when two people care enough for each other to think in terms of "we" and "ours" instead of "I" and "mine." It is built on mutual love and trust. A home is much more than a place to eat and sleep—it is a place where each member of the home finds happiness, security, and a chance to grow. In all good homes there is a sharing of work and of play between the husband and the wife, and the children in the family have their part too in the tasks and the fun of the family group. The members of the family enjoy each other's company—Dad is more than the money maker. Mother is not just a housekeeper, the children are not just "boarders!"

A father of a large family was asked how in the world he ever managed to keep up with his work and still have some time and energy to enjoy some leisure with his boys and girls. He answered: "Each child has his own daily task, and when the day's work is over their mother and I try to do something with the children which they all enjoy."

This family lived on a farm and the problem of giving each child a chore was much easier than in a city home. However, there are jobs in every household in which boys and girls can help. The time

to start children sharing in the work of a home is when they are young and eager to help. Mothers of 'teen-age daughters who complain how little assistance in the housework is ever volunteered by Mary or Helen, often forget the time before their little girls started to school, when Mary or Helen used to ask "Can I help you, Mummy?" But unfortunately, mother could do things so much more quickly and efficiently, and it was much simpler to say "Not today, dear. You run along and play and don't bother mother." Father should see to it that mother's load in housekeeping is not too heavy! Keep an eye on the youngsters and encourage them to do their share.

Families need to play together as well as work together. Here again the habit of doing things as a home group should be begun early. It is too late to wait till a boy is in his teens before his father suggests a fishing trip. What fun a little fellow can have with his dad fishing on a Saturday afternoon! How much a dad is missing who does not give his son some of his play time. Fathers can be a wonderful help at bedtime by reading aloud to a small son or daughter.

What good times families can have on walks in the woods, or by the lake or along a country road. Not long ago a small girl was over-

heard saying to her mother, "I wish we belonged in the Blank home! They have such good times. They are the 'picknickest' family you ever saw. Mr. and Mrs. Blank don't make any fuss at all about packing up a meal to be enjoyed out-of-doors—and sometimes they have a marvellous time just eating a meal in their own back yard!" What boy or girl doesn't enjoy a picnic? And surely a picnic is a very inexpensive form of family recreation. It is excellent training in sharing responsibility if all the members of the family help in preparing the picnic meal and cleaning up afterwards.

The most important thing about a home is not the size of house, the furnishings, the convenient equipment, but the family atmosphere. In a real home, even a stranger can feel the bond between the members of the family. There are occasional conflicts arising from the clash of one personality against another, that is all part of life in a group. But because mother and father are united in their ideals about a home and their desires for their children, in spite of some friction between individuals, there is an underlying serenity in the family atmosphere.

Mother and father believe that a democratic nation is the best kind. In the home their children, through having a voice in a "family council" are being prepared for adult life. It is quite true that a good parent takes time to work and play with a child. Both mother and father enjoy building a real home with a serene family atmosphere in which their children can grow into useful, happy citizens.

Voice of Prophecy Bible Questions And Answers

Question—How can I tell a true prophet?

Answer—By the Bible test: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." Isaiah 8:20.

Q.—How many angels are there?

A.—In Revelation 5:11 we read of "ten thousand times ten thousand," or 100,000,000. But this is only part of the heavenly host, for there is added, "and thousands of

thousands." In Hebrews 12:22 the number is said to be "innumerable."

Q.—Are we to believe in the divinity of Christ?

A.—Yes, if we believe the Bible. Read Hebrews 1:8, 9: "But unto the Son He saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows."

Q.—Will babies be resurrected?

A.—Jeremiah 31:16, 17: "Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope in thine end, saith the Lord, that thy



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