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NOTES and COMMENTS

Link With The Past

Ever since 1945, when prices climbed into the cockpit and took off, the public has had to watch one after another of the familiar symbols of pre-war living disappear. The nickel chocolate bar; the ten cent quart of milk; the under-a-thousand-dollars motor car — one by one these yielded to the pressure of mounting labor and material costs. Some, such as the chocolate bar, adopted a lean and hungry silhouette at the old price in an attempt to preserve the illusion, but without much success.

Almost alone in its resistance to inflation has been the bottle of soft drink. Here, until recently, was still a 1939 nickel's worth in a 1939 size bottle. Now, because money is needed for greatly increased defence commitments, the price has gone up to 6c, the extra cent being federal tax. And yet, if the nostalgic consumer still looks for a relic of 1939 he can remind himself that the nickel is for his drink, and the penny is for — or, rather, because of Joe Stalin.

Regrettably, it must be assumed that even this slender link with what might be called par for the cost of living will one day vanish, too. It is difficult to think of a single item involved in the manufacture of soft drinks that hasn't climbed to the present 160 over par. Quite obviously it is impossible to go on putting components at 1950 prices into a product sold at 1939 prices.

But if soft drinks, too, should go the way of chocolate bars, milk, automobiles and gasoline, the public should at least give them "E" for effort in the battle against inflation. —Times Review.

More Cattle on Markets Mean Lower Meat Prices

Consumers are again witnessing the operation of the law of supply and demand on meat prices. Fortunately the direction of the price is down. It has been announced that some of the cuts are being priced as much as fourteen cents a pound below what was asked a week ago. The explanation is the increased offerings of cattle which have been fattened and finished on the summer pastures, and the smaller demand for animals to export to the American market now that the drovers no longer obtain the 10 per cent premium on U.S. exchange. More cattle are coming on the Toronto market and bearing down on the prices but it cannot be said that it has fallen to a point where the farmers are unable to make a profit on fat livestock.

There is every reason to expect greater livestock production next year, especially of hogs. There will be plenty of feed as a result of the heavy frosts in western Canada which reduced large quantities of wheat below milling grade. The western farmer can salvage his crop by turning it into pork. Dean Grant MacEwan of the Manitoba Faculty of Agriculture has estimated that on the basis of present hog prices every bushel of frozen wheat fed to hogs will return approximately \$2 on the farm to the man who grows the wheat and feeds it. On this basis the farmer would be in a position to get as much for a bushel of wheat fed to a hog as he received for grain marketed through the Wheat Board and shipped under the British Wheat Agreement.

Greater production of cattle and hogs on the farm is an effective method of preventing increased meat prices. Adequate production of all foodstuffs can be a far better regulator of prices than any government-initiated price control system.

\$25 a Ton for Straw

Fifteen or eighteen years ago, when wheat was worth 35 cents a bushel and beef cattle a couple of cents a pound, a dollar a ton was the going price for straw. According to an advertisement in the current issue of the High River Times, farmers near Blackie are offering "oat straw, very choice, bright, clean, baled, from the field now," at \$25 per ton.

If they can sell it at that price, considering the abundance of green feed and straw in the country this fall, then the Golden Age has indeed arrived for the farmers.

Whether the kernels have been frozen or not, and whether there is a grain harvest or not, almost every part of Alberta and indeed of the Prairies has an excellent stand of straw this year. The Blackie district was not badly frozen. The oats itself should have grossed perhaps \$50 an acre in that area. Another \$50 per acre for the straw is nothing short of a bonanza.

If oat straw is worth \$25 a ton baled, in the field, what is good alfalfa hay worth?

Night Passage

Often, in early autumn, in sections of the city where there are trees, you may hear now and again, in the stillness of the late night, a faint sweet call from somewhere high among the boughs. After a pause it will be answered by another, and then at intervals by others scattered here and there. Amid little rustlings and flutterings the tiny flutings go on, tossed deliberately back and forth among the leaves in enigmatic communication.

Evidently when the birds begin gathering for their migration, they occasionally drift downward over cities to rest for a space before winging southward once more. One can only guess at what varieties are there, for they seem to prefer remaining always high, out of sight. And their calls are different, seeming half-familiar, yet not exactly like any of those commonly heard in the singing-season of early summer, when bird songs are joyous, full-throated, exuberant. Now, the brief and muted cries they sound to each other, among the topmost boughs of elm and poplar and maple, have a quality of asking and giving, information or encouragement. Some have a querying upward lilt, others have low-pitched note of a reassuring reply — "You're there?" "Yes — and you?" "Here." "Let us keep together." "When are we starting?" "Soon." "We'll move out that way." "Come."

And so, quietly, unhurriedly, they fit from the pools of city lights into the wide dark. There are one or two last soft warblings, dimmed by distance; and they are gone, mysterious small neighbors of the air, undismayed by space or night, confident of a way always before them, awaiting their eager wings.

—Christian Science Monitor.

The Greeks were shoeing their horses as long ago as 200 B.C.



A movie comedian in Hollywood was operated on. We trust they didn't remove any of his foolishness.

Women are important taxpayers today. In the State of Connecticut for instance, a woman's hat is subject to 150 government taxes in one form or another.

FOR PARENTS ONLY



FOR PARENTS ONLY TELL THE TRUTH!

(By Nancy Cleaver)
"There is no defeat in truth, save from within; Unless you're beaten there, you're bound to win."

It seems strange that in an adult world where so much deception is practiced, parents so often expect their children to be naturally truthful from birth. They are often shocked and angry when little Mary or small John lies to them.

Children are sometimes punished severely for telling a falsehood. "How dare you lie to me?" father says, as he advances towards the shrinking form of his small son. "You're a naughty girl to tell mother a lie! How can you do such a wicked thing?" mother asks her little daughter in a horrified tone.

Parents are right in wanting their children to be honest. But they must remember that learning to tell the truth is a slow process. This is something which must be acquired gradually.

Children at different ages tell lies for different reasons. They need understanding and help to meet difficult situations with sincerity. Most of all, they crave parents who in their own lives "practice what they preach," and as far as possible tell the truth to each other, to their children and to others. The desire to be honest comes from within, from a love of truth and a conviction that lying is a mistake.

Abstract ideas like "the truth" are very hard for a young child to grasp. Little folk love the world of make-believe. They listen eagerly to stories of fairies and elves and magic. It is small wonder that with their imaginations they sometimes invent a tale which mother knows is full of fancy and not based on fact! The pre-school child's "tall tales" should not be classed as real lies. Mother or dad should listen with interest and by a comment let the child realize they know the story is a "make-believe" one.

Later in life, the child whose imagination has not been crushed may have a flair for telling a good story or directing a dramatic presentation or working in some creative field. However, the older child must show accuracy in presenting details. The price of too much imagination used in stories is that the speaker's future stories are not quite believed.

The desire to be important is

very strong in children as well as adults. This is the root of many children lying about their homes, their families or their own exploits. These boastful lies to get the centre of the stage usually hide an inner sense of inadequacy.

A little fellow who failed to learn to swim at camp because of his fear of the water, announced to his folks on his first day home, "I could swim right across the lake as far as the island!" His father said, "That's splendid! Next Wednesday I'll take you in the car for a swim with me!" The dad saw the confusion and terror on the child's face. Later he was able to show his boy that if you tell the truth you don't have to be embarrassed later. So often, to cover up one falsehood, a host of lies or excuses must be invented!

The lie to "save face" is related to the boastful lie. Children want parents to think well of them. Often mother's or dad's expectations are a bit too high. This is particularly true in the standing in the school classroom. Children put their best foot forward by small lies about the teacher being unfair, or the head boy in the class cheating, or blame their failures on lack of proper tools or not feeling well.

When a child is caught in wrongdoing, often he will lie if he thinks by so doing he can escape punishment! This is the lie of self preservation. If a child is scared of the consequences of his act or frightened what his parent in his anger may do, is it any wonder the stern command "tell me the truth!" doesn't make much impression on him?

Whatever kind of lie a child uses, he can be helped to believe that to lie is undesirable and he can learn to tell the truth. Feelings of guilt or shame about failure to tell the truth are not wise. Rather the child should be helped by understanding how he came to lie and to determine not to tell a falsehood again. Here is one place a child wants to feel his parent's understanding and confidence in him.

Over the years, the parents who themselves love truth and tell it are likely to have boys and girls who grow to maturity with the ability to distinguish lies. The moral strength to tell the truth and accept the consequences is fostered in the right home atmosphere. (copyright)

Don't take that crossing Blindfolded!



DON'T TAKE THAT CROSSING BLINDFOLDED!

Impaired visibility, due to clouded frosted windshields and side windows is blamed for a considerable number of the 443 railway crossing accidents reported to the Board of Transport Commissioners for Canada for the 12-month period ended June 30th. Those accidents took 140 lives and brought injuries to 549 others. A railway crossing, whether protected by special signals or otherwise, is an admitted hazard to the motorist, and under the best of conditions — full daylight and clear vision — the operator of a motor vehicle should approach every crossing with proper caution. Keeping windshield and front side windows clean and free of frost or mist is one thing the motorist can do to reduce the toll of crossing accidents. Other safe practices: Don't race the train... it is probably moving faster than you think; If you have to take the crossing slowly, change into second gear to prevent stalling; make sure when you see one train clearing a crossing that there is not another train behind it moving in the opposite direction.

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