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**NOTES and COMMENTS**

A 15c Subsidy

The dairying industry has broken out in a new spot. According to news dispatches, they are considering a request to the government to place an excise tax of 15c a pound on margarine.

It never seems to occur to the dairy industry that there is a lot of truth in the saying that every knock is a boost. Ever since the butter substitute came on the market in Canada, their attitude has been one of fear. By their demands for prohibitory and restrictive legislation they have persistently advertised their lack of confidence in their own product.

Human nature being what it is, prohibitory measures do not make for popularity of those responsible. The butter producers would be better advised to spend their energies in building up their own business rather than tearing down the other fellow's. Propaganda designed to convince the public that butter at its present price is equal to or better than the substitutes would be more likely to attain the desired result than demands for repressive measures against the cheaper product. The record of butter sales do not indicate that the business is materially suffering.

**Resurrect Woodshed**

The old woodshed of the home where dad used to use a flailing shingle with desirable results has disappeared, but it is not entirely forgotten. W. J. Grummett, CCF House leader in Ontario, would like to see a new type of woodshed attached to the courts where those who need correction can get it with the aid of an official strap. This was an opinion expressed forcibly at the select committee on reform institutions.

This, he says, would eliminate the aura of glory that seems to hang over youths who have spent time in jail. He feels they would not be so apt to talk about their experiences if they were given a good strapping. Prof. G. E. Reaman, of the OAC and former superintendent of the Bowmanville Boys Training School, agrees with Mr. Grummett. He believes that public opinion now would favor this type of corporal punishment.

He believes that courts and schools are hamstrung by a lack of discipline in the homes and inability to legally order the strap. He also suggests a change in the law to make parents legally responsible for the damage their children cause. This, he said, would mean that parents would administer woodshed punishment as they did years ago.

Mr. Grummett and Prof. Reaman were only expressing the thoughts of many people. Perhaps, therefore, it would be wise to have the courts resurrect the old woodshed technique and it might also be good to have parents made financially responsible for their youngsters to strengthen parents' arms in times of need. And the children will be better for this chastisement, provided bitterness does not creep into the punishment.



For Parents Only

**'Protecting Your Child's Sight'**

By Nancy Cleaver

"Love is Not Blind" is the autobiography of a man who was partially blinded when a boy, by a dirty snowball. This is a book which will fascinate any parent. The writer tells of going to Al Jolson's "Sonny Boy", one of the first talking pictures he had attended with his mother just after their visit to the eye doctor's office. They had received no hope from the physician for improved vision.

It was a poignant story and Russell Criddle had to wipe quite a few tears away. Beside him, his mother sobbed as if her heart would break. He didn't know then that she was not weeping for the boy in the movie but for her own handicapped son. He made this fine comment on this memory, "She needn't have wept. When kids have parents who react to anguish with love, things usually turn out all right. Even if a kid is blind, he can be happy if he has parents who sense that love is not just a condition, that it is active kindness that must be done even when it is painful.

A sudden tragic accident injured a child's eyes in a moment. Not only a snowball but a hard ball, a pencil, a pen, a stick, a pen knife or scissors may strike the eye. Blunt scissors and no toys with sharp points are essential safety first rules in a home with little children. Each year a few children have their eyes hurt in fireworks accidents. This kind of carelessness on the part of adults in charge of minors is almost inexcusable.

Most parents know that during certain contagious diseases such as measles, whooping cough or diphtheria, a child's bed should be placed in the room to avoid direct glare from the sunlight. The eyes should be used as little as possible for close work. At all times, parents should see to it that proper lighting is in the room in which a child is reading or playing or working. The light should come from behind the child. If the light is in front of the child's eyes receive both direct and indirect glare. If from the side, some glare may still be present. During periods of rapid growth, a child's eyes need protection from strain or being over-taxed.

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, (186 Beverley St., Toronto 2B) has issued several excellent pamphlets on Protecting the Eyes of School Children, Sight Saving

Classes, Children's Eye Accidents, the Cross-Eyed Child, Unnecessary Blindness and the Home Training of the Blind Child. These are available on request and the C.N.I.B. performs a national service of a very high standard in educating the public.

The danger symptoms of eye trouble with which all parents should be familiar are—holding a book nearer than fourteen inches to the face, difficulty with simple reading, slowness at school, scowling or screwing up the face, sensitiveness to light, nervousness, watery or inflamed eyes, one eye squint or recurring headaches. Only a doctor can tell whether eye trouble is the cause of any of these symptoms and should be consulted without delay.

But during ordinary health, investigation has shown that a child's sight is often being slowly but surely harmed by bad habits such as bending or stooping, or lying in a prone position, with the eyes much too close to the book or object attracting attention. Concentrating for longer than half an hour without resting the eyes and working or playing in a poor light are also disastrous to good eyesight. Recent school surveys in one Canadian province have shown that almost twenty percent of the elementary school students suffered from some sort of visual defect.

Parents who realize that their child suffers discomfort, headaches, slow learning, unhappiness and possibly a permanent handicap if eyes are not properly protected from strain will do all they can to save their children's eyesight. Insist on proper posture and correct lighting.

Even little tots should not form the habit of keeping their eyes fixed on something closer than a foot. A longer distance, about 17 inches, between the eyes and book should be observed by the older children. The book should be held at a 45 degree angle, just below the level of the chin. Because of faulty posture, shortsightedness (myopia) increases from a small percent of children who enter kindergarten at five years to about 30 percent of boys and girls starting high school. A child should form the habit in early years of sitting upright in a small properly designed chair, when he wants to read. A child's eyesight is beyond price! No trouble should be too great to safeguard and preserve it for adult use.

**Proper Way To Sign Card**

The type of card and the person to whom you're sending it should determine the signature used.

If your card is a cheery greeting to close friends, it should be signed simply with your first name—Mary; or, if married, Mary and George, followed by the last name.

With married couples, the one signing the card always writes his or her name last. If the cards bear a printed signature, the wife's name is always first.

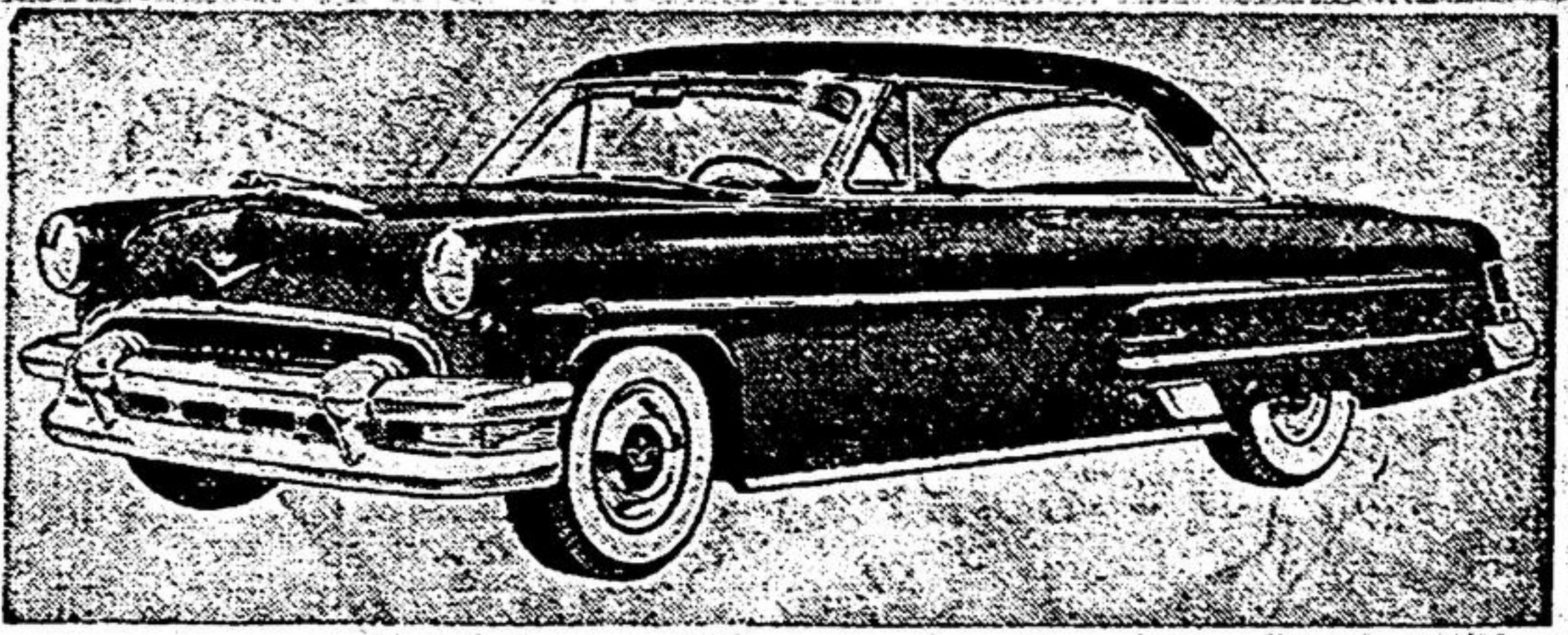
If there are several children in the family it is usually preferable to have your cards signed or printed simply as a family for example "The Smiths."

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A completely new, luxury line of Monarch passenger cars for 1951, known as the Lucerne Series, will be publicly introduced in Ford Monarch show rooms across Canada December 16. The Lucerne line will include the two-

door coupe shown above; the Lucerne sedan; the Sun Valley with tinted plexiglass roof; and the convertible. The regular Monarch line for 1951 will consist of a two-door and a four-door sedan, model. Both Monarch lines will be

equipped with a new, 161-h.p. overhead valve V8 engine. The greater horsepower makes for increased efficiency and a wider margin of safety through more flexible operation on the road.

**Make Christmas a Food Frolic Time**

In every part of the world where Christmas is observed, a special feast usually highlights the celebration of the holidays. And certainly, in our country an old fashioned family dinner on Christmas has always been an important part of the Yuletide tradition.

To many Canadians, Christmas just isn't Christmas without a turkey dinner complete with all the trimmings. To almost all homemakers, this means many days of planning and preparation.

It adds greatly to the family's fun if the children are allowed to help with Christmas preparations. Let them lend a hand with all the fancy little "extras" that add such an exciting holiday touch.

For a delectable garnish for the turkey platter, try frosted grapes. Select the big, purple variety and cut into small clusters. Wash and drain well. Dip the clusters into a mixture of 1/4 cup of white corn syrup and 1/2 cup water and drain. Sprinkle heavily with granulated sugar and chill. The sparkling grapes will add a special occasion note to the platter.

As a decorative (and delicious) addition to your dessert plate, serve tiny pears and apples of tasty cheese. Cut processed cheese into small cubes and form the miniature fruit. Insert a whole clove into the blossom end and an ivy stem for the stem and sprinkle with nutmeg and paprika for a rosy look. Place on leaves and circle your pumpkin, mince or apple pie.

One phase of your Christmas cookery that the children will love is the cookie baking project. Try making a basic sugar cookie recipe and let the children cut them into imaginative shapes.

They can make jolly Santas,

stars, snow men, holiday wreaths, Christmas stockings or tiny trees. If fancy cutters aren't available for all the shapes desired, let the children cut the cookies around a cardboard pattern.

After they're baked, mix bright red, green and white frostings and let the kiddies decorate to their heart's content with gumdrops, red cinnamon candies, licorice and bits of candied fruit.

For unusual place cards on the Christmas table, try frosted cup cakes decorated to resemble Christmas tree ornaments. With your cake decorating set, make the outline of an ornament and write each name in the circle. Or bake tiny oblong cakes, cover with white frosting, and decorate to resemble tiny gift packages with

colored frosting ribbon and bow. Write the name in frosting on the "gift" and put at each place.

The day before Christmas, cut oranges in half and scoop out the shells. "Pink" the edges with a sharp knife and put cranberry sauces in these decorative cups to chill. They'll add a gay holiday touch to the Christmas dinner plate.

There's something about home made candy at Christmas that seems to add just the right old fashioned touch. So, gather the family together for a candy making spree.

So, allow an extra day or two for the preparation of Yuletide goodies. Try these delightful touches that will make Christmas dinner a real holiday feast.

**TOWNSHIP OF MARKHAM**

**To The Electors -**

I would like to extend my appreciation to those who supported me at the polls in Monday's election as well as extending all the success to the newly-elected 1954 Council.

**Chas. Hooper**

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