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Editorials

Good Tip For Voters

At the first annual church service for the Stouffville Lions Club on Sunday morning, Rev. Douglas Davis who delivered the sermon, pointed out a fact of Lionism which might well be taken to heart by the local ratepayers when they go to the polls on June 13th to vote on the sewer question.

It may be true that personally, you don't require a sewerage system for your property, the fact still remains that the community as a whole does require such a system and the good of the community is much more important than the few dollars such a system is going to cost you as a taxpayer.

Elmer Educates

With the good record as an example that Elmer the Safety Elephant has established in such centres as Stouffville, a report to the first National Highway Safety Conference recommends the adoption of this symbol as part of a safety program in urban schools throughout the country.

In this town Elmer, sponsored by the Lions Club and The Telegram, was introduced in 1954. Since then the pennant has become a prized trophy for children to win for their school. To win it a school must have an accident-free record for at least 30 days.

In 1946, prior to the introduction of Elmer in Toronto there were 16 fatalities and 438 injured among children from five to 14 years of age. At that time motor vehicle registration amounted to 146,634. With Elmer the following year, fatalities were reduced to 11, though the number of injured was 468.

Education is essential in reducing traffic accidents, and Elmer has proved to be a helpful part of it.

Safety Rules For Summer Cottages

During recent weekends many residents of the district have visited their summer cottages.

For safety and happier holidays at the summer cottage, the safety officers of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests offer these tips. They are in addition to their seasonal warning to be careful at all times with fire in the woods, especially during the forest fire season which lasts until October 31.

- 1. Remove any dead trees or broken limbs from the cottage site. They may fall during high winds.
2. Make certain that the stove pipes and chimney are clean and sound. Better still, install a spark arrester on the chimney.
3. Check the dock for broken planks.
4. Check water craft for weak points that may fail in rough water.
5. Have a safe gasoline can and avoid spilling this highly inflammable fuel in the boat where a spark may ignite it when you're a long way from shore.
6. Know the safe carrying capacity of your boat or canoe and don't overload. Keep plenty of freeboard for, while it may be calm when you leave shore, large waves from a storm or other boats may wash over and swamp your craft.
7. Don't stand up in a small boat or canoe.
8. Carry sufficient life preservers for all aboard.
9. Don't travel at night without lights.
10. Don't leave the boat if it upsets. Hang on until you drift to shore or until help comes.

The Mosquito As A Pest

The mosquito as a pernicious pest has few equals. One finds the perfect fishing spot: the water swirls and tumbles over the rocks with here and there a deep pool where big ones lurk; the banks of the stream are lined with trees that throw a delightful canopy of shade through which one gets glimpses of a blue sky and golden shafts of sunlight... a fisherman's paradise. But not for long, for no sooner does one get ready to reel 'em in when they start to bite — the mosquitoes, not the fish. And how they bite! It seems that the better the spot the harder they bite. And of course, one is in no mood to deal with biting mosquitos when one's mind is wholly on biting fish.

But, perhaps, you don't like to fish and would much rather sit on one of those delightful folding aluminum chesterfields that modern industry has designed for the comfort of modern man. The mosquitos give one just time enough to reflect on the great peaceful sweep and calm when, zoom, the first squadron moves in and the grace of the moment is lost and gone.

It has been long recognized that mosquitos are the arch enemies of restful repose. How a buzzing mosquito hardly larger than a full-grown mite can manage to sound like three jets in a power dive is still a mystery. Most people have learned to their annoyance that one mosquito loose in the bedroom is more to be feared than a handful of nightmares and certainly as elusive.

Of course, there are palliatives and remedies. Creams, oils, and sprays, not to mention nets, are available to the harassed but all of these leave the victim as badly off as if he were to face the pest unarmed for the whole caboodle is so messy, so inconvenient that one rightly regards the cure as being about as bad as the evil.

No doubt a fortune awaits the man or woman who can devise some more satisfactory way of putting an end to this hot war between man and mosquito which does so much to rob us of the true appreciation we could work up for the otherwise glorious early months of summer. —Port Perry Star.

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Chester Wallace

A Comedian's Prayer

A FEW WEEKS AGO, on a radio program, a well-known comedian brought his performance to a close with a short speech which was unusual, but I thought it good taste. He said: "I hope you have enjoyed this effort of mine. I try to do my best and bring some happiness into the lives of those who watch this show. If I can do this I shall feel that I am serving God in a humble way."

He said it very humbly but sincerely, and I found it very impressive. All the more so because it was so unexpected. But why should it cause surprise? The good Lord has given us a sense of humour — I hope — when it is clean, wholesome and especially if it gives people a lift I think that the performer is entitled to feel he has earned God's approval.

It is well-known that Martin Luther, usually cheerful, did occasionally fall into moods of depression and on one such occasion his wife rebuked him by asking: "Martin, is God dead?" He graciously accepted the rebuke for he knew that — "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine." For Merriment, as George Morrison said, is not a shallow or superficial thing, it has its roots down in the soul, it runs down to self-forgetfulness.

The words humour and human have the same root, and I find it hard to believe that anyone with a sense of humour could be cruel. I am not thinking of smart wit, which can be sarcastic, but of the kind of good natured humour which bubbles over in novels of Charles Dickens, and in works of many other writers.

There is an old story which comes down to us from the middle ages about a group of men who were relating what they had been able to do for God by their various gifts. One was an acrobat who at first was depressed until he was made to feel that he might honour God by performing an acrobatic feat, and that knowledge made him very happy.

I REMEMBER, when I was a little lad, living in the North of England, we had a minister whose sense of kindly humour was irreplaceable. He could not keep it out of his sermons, and it endeared him greatly to the people of our town. When he spoke at Sunday School — which he frequently did — the youngsters loved it. I believe men of his type are a constant recommendation for religion.

OLIVER WENDALL HOLMES had an idea when he was young that he would like to become a clergyman, but he said so many ministers he knew looked like undertakers, that he decided against it. That is rather hard on undertakers, who as a class are very human, also a little on ministers who are invariably cheerful.

AS I GET OLDER I feel we are very narrow when talking about serving God. We restrict it to singing hymns, prayers, sermons and such exercises, all good in their way, but we must make the field of service much wider, must take in a lot more territory.

THERE IS A STRIKING PASSAGE in Isaiah (28:24-26) in which the writer speaks of God inspiring the plowman in his lowly task: "Doth the plowman plow all day to sow? Doth he open and break the clods of the ground? For his God doth instruct him to discretion, and doth teach him." God then, inspires the plowman not only when he is in the synagogue in exalted worship, but also when he is laboring in the field, turning over the brown sods.

IN COMMENTING on this verse the late W. L. Watkinson said: "We accept the inspiration of the philosopher. That Copernicus by a kind of supernatural flash perceived the celestial order, and that Newton by a similar intuition discerned the master law in the falling apple, most are willing to allow. We believe, too, in the inspiration of the poet... but it is an altogether different matter to recognize the inspiration of the plowman." We all need to be reminded of that line by Robert Browning. "All service ranks the same with God."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by W. L. Watkinson: "Too many of us draw artificial distinctions between sacred and secular things."

REPORT from PARLIAMENT

My Michael Starr, M.P., Ontario Riding

Federal authorities are working on plans for this fall's major Federal-Provincial Conference. There are indications that a major policy change may be in the offing. It seems quite clear that Ottawa has lost much of its enthusiasm for the tax rental agreement system. The Provinces that have shown an eagerness to secure new concessions have been warned that the Federal Government is not prepared to boost the total rent significantly as the price of keeping all or any of the Provinces signed on the dotted line.

Rumour has it that Ottawa is worried over the heavy annual outlay committed in tax rental payments and will give the most careful study to any opportune excuses for discarding the whole project.

The Quebec agreement, under which Provincial taxes are allowed as a deduction from Federal income tax up to a maximum of 15% is viewed here with more favour than ever as the possible basis for an alternative arrangement.

The most interesting thing about the latest rumour that Trade Minister Howe is getting ready to retire is that it came as a surprise to none of his Cabinet colleagues. This is taken as an indication that the Government is well aware that he has been giving the matter some thought. Some say that even Mr. Howe is not certain about his own future plans yet.

Major General Worthington, Canada's Civil Defence Coordinator, was duly impressed by the atomic bomb explosions at Yucca Flats. Canadian representatives at this explosion included a group of soldiers who were the first to enter the contaminated area. Major General Worthington remains convinced that the H-Bomb problem can be surmounted. The fact that big cities are the most attractive targets, should lead Canadians, he says, to concentrate on decentralization.

In other words, on the establishment of satellite communities on the outskirts of metropolitan centres. "But," he says, "it probably won't be done. We will most likely learn the hard way."

When Labour Minister Gregg presented his estimates to the House of Commons the biggest surprise in his statement was with respect to the total number of Canadians who had drawn Unemployment Insurance over the past year. During the twelve-month period ending March 31st, 1,001,000 beneficiaries drew on the fund to the extent of \$257,628,000. Total contributions to the fund in the same period were \$130,

632,000, including \$31,771,000 paid in by the Government. The number of beneficiaries represents close to 20% of the total labour force.

A Dominion Bureau of Statistics Bulletin issued May 20, says that only 2,381 cases of polio were reported in Canada last year. This is the smallest number since 1950 and less than one-third as many as the 1953 peak. The rate per 100,000 population decreased to 15.7 cases from 60.2 in the previous year.

We have been receiving in this part of the country ominous news coming out of the west. Members from Saskatchewan in particular have been taking part in the debate urging the Dominion Government to take some action to meet the crisis brought on by the recent floods, and also to take long-term action in flood control by the development of dams, reforestation programs, etc. The Prime Minister has been meeting with representatives of the Saskatchewan Provincial Government so that the situation might be fully appraised.

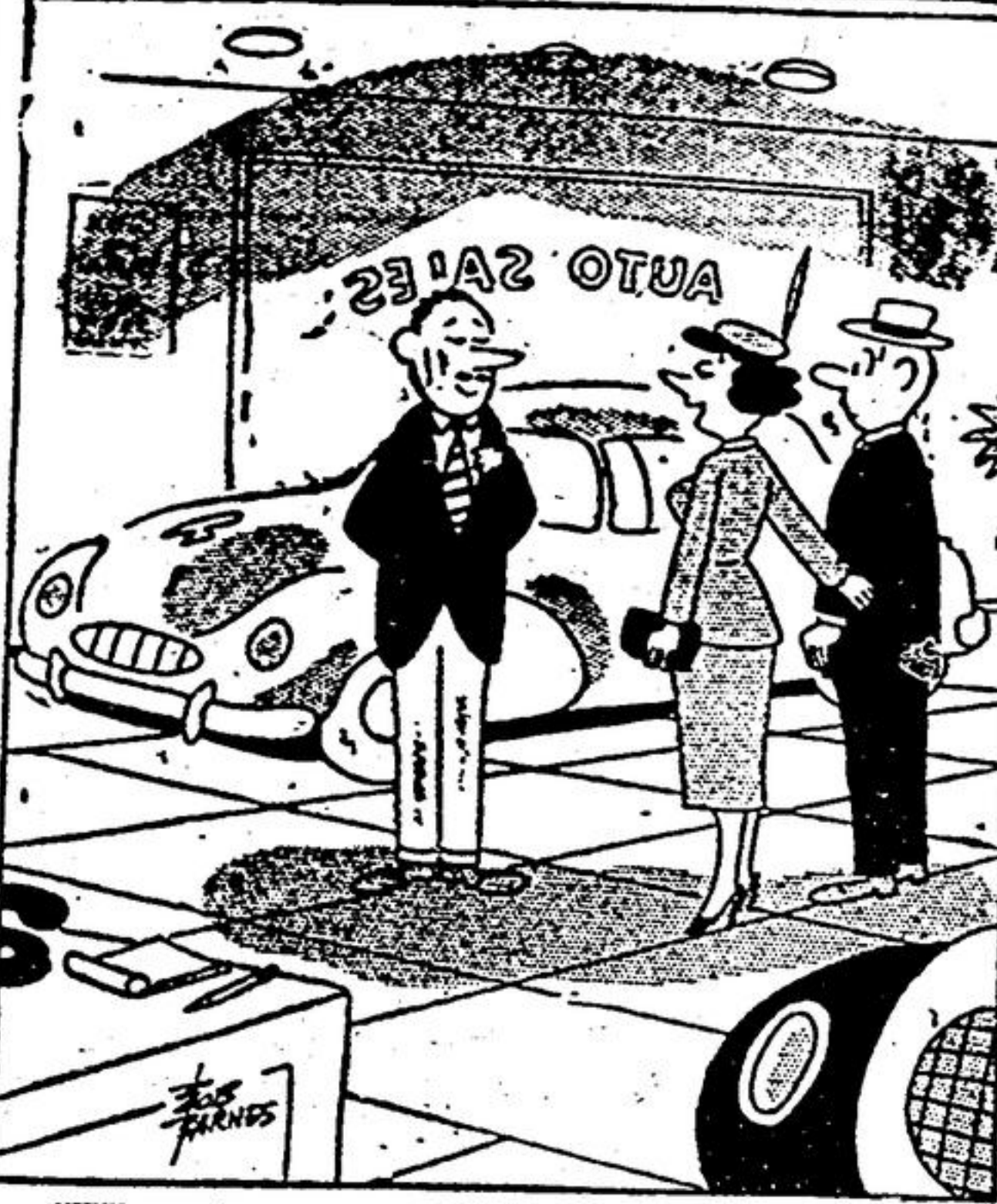
The Federal Government is no longer concerned over unemployment as an issue likely to cause political trouble. One reason, of course, is that the traditionally slack unemployment season, winter and early spring, is over, and unemployment totals are experiencing the normal seasonal decline; but the real reason for the new spirit of optimism is evidence that the improvement in the economic situation is fundamental rather than just seasonal.

Industrial production figures are above those of a year ago. Labour income is well above the 1954 level. Export shipments have risen substantially over the same period. The seasonal decline in unemployment has been at a rate substantially higher than usual. All in all the outlook is good. Economic advisers are reported to feel that there is even a fair chance that Finance Minister Harris' optimistic Budget forecast of a five to six percent jump in total Canadian production during 1955 over 1954 may be achieved.

Discussion on unemployment has lingered on in the Commons but the sense of urgency has vanished.

The Senate-Commons Committee studying capital punishment and other matters has reached no firm decision to recommend the substitution of another form of execution for hanging. It is a fact that most of the evidence heard on this point has been unfavourable to this form of execution. Some of the Committee Members found sections of the testimony (continued on page 4)

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Will you please explain to my husband that if only people who could afford them bought new cars, you'd have been out of business long ago."

For Parents Only

THE WAY YOU SPEAK

By Nancy Cleaver

Have you ever heard a recording of your voice? It might be quite a shock to you! Almost without exception, people exclaim when they hear a record or a tape of their conversation. "I didn't know I sounded like that!"

The way a person speaks may be either an asset or a liability. The emphasis on a pleasant voice in various "Personality" or "Charm" courses which are so popular with some, prove this.

Recently an expert on voice production pointed out that a relatively small amount of attention to voice culture by parents and teachers of young children would accomplish more than a much larger amount of instruction and drill at maturity.

Helping a child speak correctly and fluently is one of the most important parts of the child's education. The tone a mother uses — the way she speaks, has a very great influence on a man or woman's speech in adult life.

Little tots learn the right pronunciation of words, their meaning, the correct order of words in a sentence by copying the adults in the home. A little child who is well usually has a delightful inflection. A whining voice does not necessarily show a spoiled child. It often indicates a youngster who is

fatigued or in poor health. Children look to their parents to show them the kind of voice to use. One small girl said to her mother, "I like to hear you speaking. Your voice is soft like velvet. Maw Lou's mother sounds like the noon factory whistle. She always screams at her."

No mother would feel flattered if she overheard this factory whistle judgment of her voice! but how many mothers should be more careful of the tone which they use. A European visitor declared that women on this continent have the prettiest legs and the ugliest voices in the world.

Too many women use too high a pitch. They speak not only in too shrill a voice, but too rapidly. The result is indistinctness and poor enunciation. Monotony in speech comes from using one tone almost all the time with little variation, which comes from the contrast of occasional higher and lower tones.

Shakespeare wrote this (continued on page 4)

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