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Editorials

Keep The Trade Fair Going

Preliminary efforts by the local Chamber of Commerce to arrange for another Trade Fair have met with indifferent results up to now.

This year the same stalwarts who ran the fair, arranging for allocation of space, publicity and the many other important details were again faced with all the extra work.

It was therefore with much regret that the Chamber of Commerce was forced to admit that the initial momentum could not be maintained, and a suggestion was made that the Board of Directors of the Arena be approached and asked to take over the running of the Trade Fair.

This offer has gone forward to the Arena, and will be considered at a meeting of the directors this week. For the good of the community we urge that this excellent civic project should not be merely left to expire.

Town Water Situation Demands Fairness

A local by-law clearly prohibits the watering of gardens and lawns except for the period from 6 to 8 p.m. This much is clear, and surely two full hours of watering each day should suffice for the town citizens.

In any case, the by-law is there, and in spite of whether or not citizens oppose it, it is up to them to observe it. The ruling was put in force for a reason — only last week A. E. Weldon, chairman of the Water Commission again stressed to Council that the water situation is acute.

Yet remarks and letters continue to pour in to this paper from citizens who report that neighbors are abusing this privilege, some even leaving their hose on over night.

A survey by the Tribune staff one evening this week revealed over half of the residents of one street still watering lawns well over an hour after the deadline.

The water supply at the reservoir must be kept well above the danger mark — for convenience and for fire safety.

A Hog by Any Other Name

The Department of Agriculture's new pig has been named Lacombe after the Alberta experimental station where it was developed. But a hog by any other name, etc. However, this is something new in the line of advancement and it is to be presumed that a fancy name was quite in order.

Production of the new Canadian bacon hog, a shapely white animal with floppy ears and rounded hams, was announced by the department last spring but at that time it had no name. Since then federal breeders considered one name after another before settling on Lacombe.

The new pig, result of seven years of selection and mating of various breeds, carries the blood of the high-quality Danish Landrace hog, the American Chester White and the British Black Berkshire. A study in black and white as it were. The idea was to get a vigorous and fast-growing pig to cross-breed with the long lean Yorkshire which has been supplying bacon for the Canadian and overseas market for years.

The aroma of frying bacon in the mornings should assume a new allure for getting out of bed. —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Immigrants Come, But Many Leave

The important thing about immigration is not how many people come to Canada; the important thing is how many people stay here. Unfortunately the figures for those who leave are disturbingly high.

The Montreal Gazette says it is now estimated that in the 10-year period ending last June, about 256,000 residents of Canada moved across the border. This equals 21.4 per cent of all the immigrants who came to Canada from all countries.

Perhaps it seems strange that in the 10 years which have seen Canada's greatest expansion, more than a quarter of a million Canadians chose to move over the border into the United States. No doubt, there were special reasons in many cases. But the main answer would seem to lie in the fact that the United States is a more highly industrialized country, in the sense of having more manufacturing. Says the Gazette:

"It is manufacturing that creates the conditions to support a large population, at least by western standards. And where there is a large population opportunities for employment increase.

"The positions that attract Canadians to the United States, notably in the arts and the professions, have, directly or indirectly, an industrial basis."

So long as Canada is primarily a nation for producing raw materials, and semi-processed goods, it will be unlikely to prevent a considerable number of her people from going south of the border. Until this country increases the extent and variety of its manufacturing, it will be unable to hold its population as it should. —Kitchener Record.

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

The Seed of The Church

NEARLY SEVENTEEN centuries ago, Augustine, one of the fathers of the early Christian Church, after witnessing at first hand, the bitter persecutions suffered bravely by early believers, said: "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."

COURAGE IS A VIRTUE which people of every nation understand. There may be difficulty over controversial points of view, but there is no doubt about courage; as there was none on the part of the Roman soldier who said at the crucifixion of Jesus: "Surely this was a good man." It was said of one noble man: "Nothing became him better than the manner of his dying."

AMONG THE EARLIEST Christian martyrs was Polycarp, who was born of Christian parents about the year 70 A.D. He was a disciple of St. John and loved to repeat his words as he remembered them. Polycarp himself had a follower named Irenaeus, and it is from him we learn the facts about Polycarp's martyrdom.

AT THE GREAT Pagan festivals feelings against Christians were frequently aroused. In the city of Smyrna, where the aged Polycarp was leader of the loyal band of Christ's followers, eleven Christians were thrown to the wild beasts during the annual games. A few, not many, recanted when they were faced with death. One brave young man named Germanicus, so far from being unnerved, dragged the reluctant lion to him and this further excited the populace in their lust for blood.

THE SAVAGE MOSS called for Polycarp, now eighty-six years of age and still leader of the church at Smyrna. His friends led him away from the city to a little farm where he passed the time in prayer. His pursuers went out as if against a thief. Polycarp could have escaped, but he refused, saying: "The will of the Lord be done."

HE WAS IN an upper room when they arrived, and he went down and talked with them. While they marvelled at his courage and great age he quietly talked with them and had food and drink set before them. His request to be allowed to pray was granted. For two hours he prayed earnestly, remembering all that ever had dealings with him including those who had come to arrest him. Even these men were deeply touched by his brave gentle spirit and regretted that it had fallen to them to assail so good a man.

HE WAS LED BACK to Smyrna, where excited crowds awaited his arrival. The High Sheriff and others pleaded with him to renounce Christ and declare: "Caesar is Lord." At first he made no answer, but when they persisted he said: "I do not intend to do as you advise me." This so angered them that they threw him from their carriage and bruised his shins. He was then brought into the stadium, where a vast crowd shouted: "Polycarp is taken."

THE PROCONSUL gave him a last chance. "You are a very old man," he said, "and a few words can save your life. Recant and your life will be spared. Curse Christ and I will set you free." It was then that the aged man uttered words which have been repeated for eighteen centuries: "Eighty and six years have I served Him, and He has never done me wrong; how can I blaspheme my King and Saviour?" They bound him without nailing him, and while the fire was being prepared beneath him he prayed: "I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou didst deem me worthy of this day and hour, that I should take my part among the numbers of the martyrs in the cup of Thy Christ to the resurrection of life eternal."

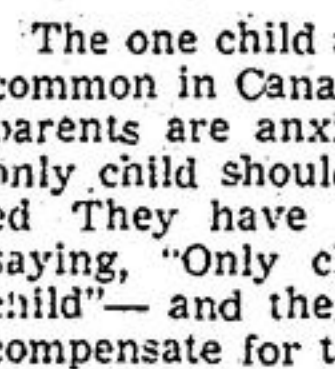
THE FLAMES made a sort of arch around him, and for a while his body was not scorched. This angered the pagan spectators, who demanded that a slaughterer end his life by a dagger thrust. And in this manner the aged man's life ended on earth, but his memory had been a benediction down through the ages.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Rev. Dr. F. W. Campbell: "Precept at its highest perfection falls far short of example."

For Parents Only

Only Child

By Nancy Cleaver



The one child family is fairly common in Canada and usually parents are anxious that their only child should not be spoiled. They have heard the old saying, "Only child — lonely child" — and they are eager to compensate for the lack of brothers and sisters.

Contrary to the ideas of many people, scientific research has shown that "only" children are likely to become self-confident, aggressive grown-ups. Their security is not threatened by others in the family and this preferred position often produces youngsters who are individualists. But usually they adapt themselves to the demands of others, and are capable of assuming responsibility for leadership in games or enterprises.

A modern mother and father as a rule acknowledge that adult companionship can never fill the child's need for friends his own age. No matter how understanding a mother may be, or how devoted is a father's love, still parents are only parents. They, belonging to the world of grown-ups, are not "Little People".

The only child, rarely, if ever, suffers from neglect, but rather from too much attention. Since birth, he has held the stage. Because there was only one baby in the family, he seemed extra precious. Mother was tempted to be too protective in her attitude to him.

Thus it happens that unless parents guard against the dangers in the only child's environment, they may develop either a little "show-off" or a "mother's baby". Neither of these roles is popular with playmates. Nor do they make for happiness.

A certain amount of rough and tumble play for school age children, especially boys, is inevitable. The mother of an only child must not prevent him from climbing trees or riding a bicycle or doing any of the numerous things a small boy delights in. If his chums suspect a child is "tied to his mother's apron strings", they will taunt him.

His mother's fears for his personal safety may be catching. She should be just as anxious for his emotional development as his personal safety. If she is too careful and too strict about everything he does, this is bound to produce a feeling of isolation. This may encourage a sense of inferiority or self-pity which is far from healthy!

Parents of an only child sometimes question: "Would it be wise to have another child in our family. If necessary by adoption?" Many families in recent years have discussed how happily their own child and an adopted brother or sister have gotten along. This may be impossible, but there are still practical ways to prevent the only child from being stranded on an island of loneliness.

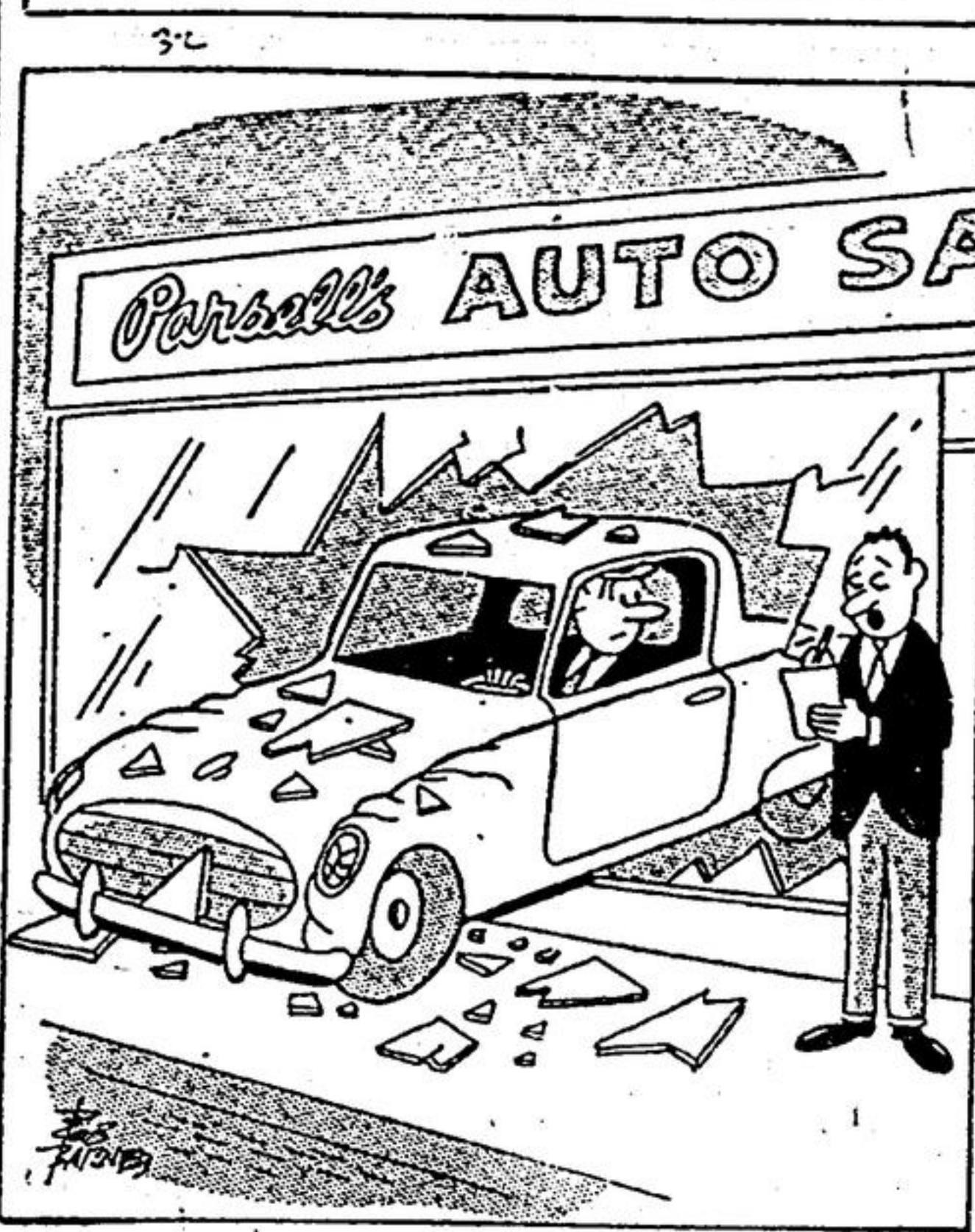
He should have many chances to play with other children. His friends should be made welcome in his house. Vacations may provide a camp holiday or the opportunity for a cousin or friend to visit with him. When he is older, likely Cubs or Explorers will enrich his life.

A pet and hobbies are very important to the happiness of an only child. A love of music and reading are two resources for the only child. So is an enthusiasm for the out-of-doors. These are a partial compensation to the child without brothers or sisters. All his spare time should not be spent on TV or listening to the radio or reading the comics!

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LAFF OF THE WEEK



URGES TITHING FOR ALL UNITED CHURCH MEMBERS

Tithing, or some other form of regular sacrificial giving, will be advocated for United Church members by the newly appointed Secretary of that Church's Missionary and Maintenance Department.

"I believe that 10 percent of every person's gross income belongs to God and his fellow-men," Rev. H. E. D. Ashford, D.D., stated as he began his new duties of directing the fund-raising program of the United Church of Canada. In recommending gross rather than net income, he stated that "income tax is the privilege one pays for living in Canada and should not be deducted first."

Many laymen have declared themselves in favor of tithing. This is in direct contrast to a discussion which came up at the 16th General Council meeting in Sackville, N.B., last September when a motion asking that members give two percent of their income was laid on the table after considerable debate.

"When you touch a man on his pocketbook you touch him on the part of his anatomy that hurts and that is what we're going to do," Dr. Ashford said. The average givings of United Church members is \$4.16 per person," he pointed out. "While if you take \$2,500 as the average income, which is very low, they should be giving \$250 each."

Dr. Ashford believes in tithing. He has always tithed, himself, he preached it to his congregations and now he is going to try to get members from coast to coast to practise this biblical system of giving.

"We will never build a great United Church until people begin to sacrifice, and we will never make a better world with the present-day rate of giving," he stressed. "Statistics show that the Canadian people give only 1.26 percent of their incomes to all charities, including churches."

This year's budget for the Missionary and Maintenance Department is \$5,000,000 but "we could easily raise ten million without difficulty if people began to tithe," in the opinion of the new secretary.

Dr. Ashford is staging a coast-to-coast campaign this fall — Sept. 25 to Oct. 24 — with the theme: "An Expanding Canada Expects an Expanding Church."

Each member will be asked to sign a pledge card to tithe for one year. But if he feels that is too long a period, he will be given a chance to sign for six months or even 1 month.

Dr. Ashford, who personally sacrificed considerable money to accept his new post, said that his efforts would be aimed toward raising the meagre givings of many United Church members up to the standard of the few who really give "sacrificially" toward the Church's work in Canada and Overseas.

"GLASS" FIRES

A recent dispatch from New Jersey reported that the sun's rays, brought to a sharp focus by a glass water-jug, set fire to a barn. In view of the hot, sunny weather we have been having, it may be timely to use this to point a warning. This is something that doesn't occur frequently, but it goes to show what can happen when the sun's rays are concentrated where a fire could start.

The principle of the burning glass to light a fire has been known to man for a long time. A lens or any bit of curved glass can be made to focus the sun's rays on tinder that will soon be ignited. Any bottle, jug or even a broken fragment left where the rays will fall on dry grass, paper, wood or other inflammable substance, may bring about the same result. Unless the incipient fire is detected, it may be the start of a blaze that destroys a forest or a town.

The remedy is to see that any glass vessels in use are protected from the direct rays of the sun and that used or broken bottles no longer required are never tossed aside carelessly, but buried so that they do not become the origin of a fire. All who work or take their pleasure outdoors should make it a habit to provide cover for any glass

Kitchener folk are a proud lot. Police statistics confirm it. In the first four months of 1955 in the city had six safecrackings, 10 housebreakings, sundry other thefts, but only two cases of begging. All of which proves that Kitchener people have their pride. They'd rather steal than beg.

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