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# Editorials

Don't Cross The Fence Lines There is a growing tendency today on the part of the general public to disregard the rights of others so far as property trespassing is concerned, and a

misguided view that one can go anywhere unless the property is placarded.

C. H. Nolan, Publisher

This idea is entirely erroneous and the matter has been pointed out in Magistrate's Court that no signs of any kind are required to keep the public out of a property.

If a property is fenced, one is trespassing if he enters under, over or through this fence. Likewise, at the gateway, whether or not the gate is closed, trespassing can be the charge if one passes through. The idea that one can make public use of someone else's property just because this property does not have signs posted at every interval is entirely wrong.

Disconcerting

One of the most disconcerting exxperiences we can imagine is to be bowling down the open highway at 50 miles an hour and have some lunkhead pull out of a farm lane or a sideroad right in your path. It's the sort of experience to have nightmares about, but it often does happen in actual fact.

Sometimes they come to a stop, look you right in the eye - and pull out into your path, figuring they have done their duty. Other times they don't stop. They just careen around the corner, either because they have no brakes, because they might lose a few seconds by giving you the right of way, or because they're built that way. We know of one fellow who backed out of a laneway and straddled the highway right in front of an oncoming car.

There is little that the law can do to repair the broken bones, restore the lost lives or darken the gray hairs caused by people who do this sort of thing. But it can and has stipulated that henceforth the motorist on the through highway has the legal right-of-way in case his heirs wish to enter suit.

Litterbugs

There seem to be a good many people in this vale of tears who were never taught any manners. This fact manifests itself in many ways, but one of the most noticeable, these summer days, is the tendency to litter the countryside with papers, tin cans, beer bottles and what have you.

Litterbugs, they call them. Without giving a thought to the mess they cause, they throw paper in every conceivable spot, dump whole boxes of tin cans and garbage along the roadside, break bottles in as many places as possible, throw old tires in riversand leave banana peelings, apple cores, wax paper and

crumbs on picnic benches. We have never been able to understand the psychology of litterbugs, if any. Most children are taught a certain amount of tidiness around the house, and one would think that this training would bear fruit in

Your true litterbug, alas, is worse than any child, in that he knows better but does it anyway.

later years.

Elsewhere in this issue there appears a report of a meeting of Whitchurch Township Council, where a decision was made to assess the parents for the cost of fire fighting when their children caused a conflagration in the district.

It is common knowledge that the weather has been hot and dry. This has increased the danger of fire to a high peak, and this too should be common knowledge, for this paper in issue after issue has repeated in different forms each week just how serious the danger has been, and still is. We have shared this job of warning with every other paper for miles around, as well as with radio and television broadcasts. In addition - there are the fire regulations which have been in force for years. The law knows no excuse for lack of knowledge of these or any other laws in force.

These laws state briefly, that fires may not be started out of doors, with a few exceptions. These are, that before starting a fire, the nearest fire department must be notified of your intentions, and sufficient help must be immediately available in case the blaze should get out of control. ".

In this recent case, a number of children were either allowed to start a fire for a wiener roast in a field of dry grass, or worse still, were not supervised to the extent that their actions were known before the event. In any case, the familiar story was repeated. The blaze spread, it got out of control, and by the time had destroyed crops and a barn, damage in the thousands had been caused. As well as this, three near by towns provided fire trucks and crews which of course left their own places that much short of

protection. We do not hesitate to endorse the stand of council, who balked at the prospect of paying well over two hundred dollars for the use of the fire trucks, for their job is to protect the interests of the ratepayers of the township. It would hardly be in their interest to spend their money to help extinguish the fire from a privatewiener roast.

Sidewalk to High School Is Urgent

School days, will soon be upon us again, and following the start of the school session, there is the fall season with its rainy weather and muddy roads. The heat and lack of rain during the summer lull has apparently pushed to the background any thoughts of progress as far as putting in sidewalks to the High

School are concerned. The new structure has been opened for a year, and still the distance from Harold Street north must be covered by those on foot over a gravel road. Think of the shoes of the pupils on wet days. Think of the

janitor work involved to keep the new building clean. But this is not entirely a school problem - the school serves as a public building, with special events taking place almost every week for the benefit of the entire village. . For these reasons a sidewalk is an urgent matter. but the problem is how to make this sidewalk a reality.

Council has agreed to do the job by Local Improvement requiring a 70% petition, but to date no action has been seen in this direction and it would appear

#### THE WEEK



"What are you waiting for-a fuse to blow?"



Men of Goodwill Among the Many programmes on radio or television are several which raise money for people who are in serious trouble, and need financial help. There is a never-ending stream of

people who are willing to make their troubles known in an almost frantic appeal for help. I know that there is considerable criticism of such appeals -no doubt without some season-but I am bound to say that the generous response of the public is a-demonstration of warmheartedness and good will. Many sneer at such appeals and say they are emotional, but what would human nature be without emotion; we would be hard and callous and nobody would want to get married. As an old Scotch proverb-has it: "It is better for a pot to boil over than not to boil at all." I have not much

faith in people without sentiment and emotion. I REMEMBER A MAN asking me to marry him on a Wednesday afternoon. He said: "That is my half-day off and I wouldn't want to lose half a day's pay for the sake of getting married,"

That poor bride! THE PLAIN TRUTH IS that there are always a vast number of people who are having a hard time; unexpected sickness, accidents and other misfortunes cause desperate situations, and while there are grounds for criticism, on the whole, thousands of needy people have been greatly helped. We have to meet life in a practical way and like the Good Samaritan, we must do good when the opportunity presents itself.

WE ALL HEAR SO MUCH and read so much about the sinister side of life, that we ignore the vast amount of kindness and warm sympathy which finds expression every day. Whenever the public is convinced that there is genuine-need, there will be a response; neither creed nor colour or any class distinction makes any difference. There is something in human nature which responds to real need; this is the most practical form of religion, and the most worthwhile. No doubt, as time goes on, new methods of helping the unfortunate will be discovered but we are living today, and must not waste time discussing theories.

Some take the attitude that the more you do for others the more ungrateful they become. I don't believe that except in rare cases. When William Penn went from England to establish his Quaker settlement in what is now Pennsylvania, the previous settlers had fought constantly with the native Indians. There was such antagonism that no life was safe, and bitter hatred prevailed. Penn met the Indians with love and trust in his heart and with no firearms in his hands. He accepted their word of honour and gave his pledge to them.

COMMENTING ON WHAT HAPPENED, the historian Macauley

"WILLIAM PENN CONQUERED the Indians by his faith in them. He will always be remembered as a law-maker who, in an age of bitter persecution, respected the dignity of even savages, and made religious liberty a cornerstone of his policy."

WILLIAM PENN LIVED before his time but it paid off, for no drop of Quaker blood was ever shed by an Indian. OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Frank Crane : "Be a spendthriftin love: the more you give away, the more you will have."

### THEY'RE NOT LOAFERS

When the city person visits the small town he is often misled by a difference in mode of bright sunlight and where naliving that passes for something akin to leisure or deliberate loafing. Take for example, two farmers sitting on a bench in front of the pool hall. The urbanite, giving them a glance in passing, sees two overalled and booted sons of the soil in the act of loafing. But that is not the case. What he is actual ly witnessing is a business con-

Those, calm appearing agri culturists are right in the midst club members, only healthier. of a deal that involves a considerable amount of money.

All they need is a stub of pencil, a scrap of paper and a cheque book. What they accomplish is as significant as many a deal that is cooked up in a

with secretaries and clerks. the oldsters who loaf in the

job of doing nothing. The one great difference is that the rural loafer likes the great open spaces. He likes to hobnob with his cronies in the ture can get to him with a sup-

ply of pure air. He is a robust loafer, a well preserved specimen who will be "Northward, Ho!", I feel present himself at the family like saying to your distinguishboard three times a day for ed Montreal contemporary, "O meals. He may be slightly long dry those tears". on whiskers but he is also notably short on ulcers.

So let the city visitor to the makes any statement concern- in our history, Canada is reing our village loafers. They are just the same as the city

CANADIAN'INTER-NATIONAL GLADIOLUS

The Fourth Canadian International Gladiolus Show, un-10th floor office that is ankle doubtedly the largest flower deep in carpet and crowded show in Canada, is to be held fact-based. I quote the relevant at the Brampton Memorial Ar- figures: "During the century, The city fellow might think ena, near Toronto, on August 1843-1943, the official records 24 and 25. The show will be sun along our main thorough- sponsored by the Toronto Disfares are complete idlers who trict Gladiolus Society, the Prehave no counterpart in the ur- sident being Mr. Herbert F. ban areas. But the murky in- Taylor of Toronto. It is to be a moved in the opposite directerior of many a club lounge tremendous cavalcade of sheer will turn out hordes of senile beauty and glorious colour and flow going to United States." city dwellers who are putting has been planned to give the in just as many hours at the maximum enjoyment to all vis-

the Council must force the Local Improvement. A further item to be considered is the width of this walk. The usual width of 31/2 ft. which suffices for ordinary residential streets would appear to be skimpy for the amount of traffic to and from the school. The question of who is to pay for the extra amount is a good question, and it might be proper for the town council to consider the suggestion that the entire expense of this much needed sidewalk should be borne by the village, to ensure that a fine public building will be accessible by an equally fine approach. At least Council could bear the cost of all extra width.



For Parents Only

## The Strain of Fears

By Nancy Cleaver

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much pain and trouble as an

jury," says Mr. Stinson. "Many

simple scratches, cuts and blis-

ters have become costly in med-

because they were not given

ical aid and enforced idleness

"Any injury that causes a

break in the protective skin

covering and exposes a flesh

wound should be cleaned of dirt

"Bush workers and others in

isolated areas who may -not

covering will keep dirt out.

"Germs don't wait for an in-

vitation; they move in on the

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in which we live. The child who child or a grownup who was has no fear of being hit by a also afraid and in spite of his car or a truck is apt to run out fear did his duty, or completed on the road after a ball, or hur- the job he had to do. ry across to see a chum on the The constantly fearful child other side of the street, with- is a "crippled" child and no out first looking to left and to parent wants his boy or girl to right to see if a car is coming. have an unnecessary handicap The little girl who is not af-like this throughout life. Nei-

raid of being burned by her ther the too protective mother's mother's iron, may try to use attitude nor the too impatient it herself and receive a nasty father's technique helps a child burn. The small boy who has face the problem of getting no fear of the neighbor's cat along with others. Parents need may tease the pussy once too to help their children grow in often! For many years fear has self-confidence and thus debeen useful in preventing peo- crease their inner feeling of ple from getting themselves in strain. to "danger situations."

But many doctors and mental health experts are agreed that there is a great deal too much NIFFD FIRST AID fear in the minds and hearts NEED FIRSI-AID countless children and grownups. This unnecessary fear lessens happiness and ef- often has been the means of fectiveness in work. If a person saving lives, yet first aid for Wednesday-office closed in a.m. becomes increasingly anxious and frightened, physical and often is neglected, says W. J. mental well-being may be in Stinson, supervisor of safety jeopardy. Parents are warned to use Dept. of Lands and Forests.

fear of punishment very sparingly in disciplining their children. Never resort to threats accident causing serious inabout "the big policeman," or "the boogey man," or any other fictitious person who will deal out painful vengeance for misdeeds. Continually frightening a little child into good proper attention at the beginbehavious may seem to "work" ning. in the present, but an adult who has little or no initiative (because he fears failure or disapproval) or one who is in a and germs and kept clean until perpetual state of vague nerthe wound heals. vous apprehension of some calamity befalling him, is distinctly handicapped.

have immediate access to a Fears are very contagious first aid kit have no excuse for and sometimese it is not fear allowing infection to start of punishment but a parent's own fear of lightning or some. Soap and water are good cleanising agents and the water can thing else which a child "catchbe boiled before using, to ases." Mothers and fathers should sure its purity. After cleansing be careful not to pass, on to the wound, a clean protective their children; their own crippling fears.

It is natural for children to express their fears and look to slightest opportunity. Don't you their parents for re-assurance be a victim of blood poisoning and safety. Many children dis-

#### EDITOR'S MAIL

Editor, The Tribune,

In my humble opinion your editorial entitled "Immigrants Come, but Many Leave" is an apt and very timely contribution to this vital theme. I particularly noted the accent placed on the following point bro- Wideman Block - Markham Insurance in reliable companies ught forward by the Montrea Gazette, saying: "It is now estimated that in the 10-year period ending last June, about 256,-000 residents of Canada moved across the border into the United States. This equals 21.4 percent of all the immigrants who came to Canada from all countries."

Be that as it may, and I have no doubt that if we were the populous land with 165 million Canadians, and a mere 151/2 million Americans were strung out along our southern fenceline, it would be a reverse movement and the cry would

The stubborn fact remains as one of the nation's banking leaders put it a couple of small town go slow before he years back, "For the first time taining her immigrants." i.e., the majority of them, even though the aforesaid 10-year loss of a quarter-million in the past decade is also substantially on the fact target.

My trusty clipping-book supplies the interesting data enabling both the above assertions to be reasonably well total of 6,500,000 immigrants came in at Canadian ports-ofentry, just 6,000,000 emigrants tion - 82 percent of the latter So, therefore, it will be seen

that, while we lost over 90 out of every 100 "immigrants" over the above century, 1843-1943, (though not necessarily the same individuals), during the "ten-year period ending last June", apparently we retained just 75 percent of the 1,000,000 immigrants who came in at the ports. This, surely, is a step in the right direction, although there is still room for improvement. More mouths spell "prosperity" for Canadians generally but particularly for our farm-

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