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Editorials

Signs of Autumn

Tree foliage has almost completed its mission and, in some instances, the leaves are becoming rusty. Fruit grows large on the pear tree. Apple trees are so heavy that the orchardist is propping boughs against breakage.

The zinnia border is losing color.

The sun which set far toward the north has come almost halfway on the horizon span it will cover by late December. In less than one week day and night will be equal. After that autumn will be here by the calendar.

Glass On The Streets

Although tires are tougher than they used to be, broken glass can still ruin them, cause punctures and even blowouts. Judging from the amount of broken glass strewing Peterborough streets, one would think that a national safety council had given its approval to this sort of road surfacing. The fact is that it is still an offence - a crime - to leave splinters of glass on the streets and highways.

The Highway Traffic Act specifically requires that a person who has had an accident in which windshields. bottles or any other form of glass litter the road shall ensure that it is cleaned up as soon as possible. It is the responsibility of the person who has had the mishap, not the job of the city, to sweep up the glass.

If a case of milk or pop bottles crashes, the truck driver should have a broom to sweep up the litter, and he should use it. If an individual shopper drops a bottle, he can surely borrow a broom nearby. If there is a tar crash, the tow-truck should automatically include In its assignment the job of cleaning up the glass.

It is due to heedlessness, not lack of means, that broken glass is left on the roads. People say: "Oh well, someday soon the city sweepers will be around." That is not good enough. Perhaps if some examples were made in magistrate's court the neglect of this minor obligation would be arrested. To find the culprit might, in some cases, take the police an hour or two. but the time would be well spent if a charge resulted and the public generally got the idea that broken glass is legally offensive. -Peterborough Examiner.

Excellent Idea

The decision by provincial authorities to give a ared badge of dishonour in the form of a distinguishing Elicense reinstatement form to drivers who are convicted of drunk driving is a good one. It might have been wise to have presented these drivers with an additional memento of their drunken driving spree which would have identified them more readily to the general public. Such a distinguishing mark could have taken the form of a windshield sticker or some such marking which would be easy to discern. However, we believe the present ruling is in good taste and will go a long way towards having a sobering effect on drivers. It isn't likely that many drivers will relish having on their person even such a normally well concealed form of identity which can be demanded at any time by the :law and which would immediately reveal a drunk driving conviction.

Authorities might now consider a multi-colour system of license reinstatement forms thus associating the possessor with his (or her) particular driving conviction . . . The red is quite suitable for drunk driving, blue would serve for criminal negligence and so forth. At the same time our lawmakers could give some thought to suspending licenses for more minor offences which, while the immediate consequences were not grave, might well have been under slightly diff-

rent circumstances. There cannot be too much stress placed on the need for finding ways and means of reducing highway tragedies. One of the best ways seems to be give proven negligent drivers a nice long rest from behind the wheel. -Lindsay Post.

Dairymen Are Now Asking Lower Prices For Butter

The leaders of Canada's dairy industry have changed their tune from that which we have heard for some years past. The Dairy Council of Canada heard its leaders make a plea to the government to lower butter prices so that it could compete more effectively with margarine.

For years the dairy industry carried on a battle to have the former ban on margarine continued. Failing in that, they asked for, and in some provinces, secured restrictions on margarine, particularly with respect to its color. At the same time they demanded and secured a floor price on butter, by which the government at Ottawa purchases all supplies of butter at 58 cents a pound. This kept up the returns to the producer, and at the same time the retail price to the consumer. As a result of this floor price arrangement, the government now has on its hands 115 million pounds of butter for which it has no market. Some quantities have been sold to European countries, at prices much lower than the floor price, involving the

government in heavy losses. There is merit in the argument that if the prices paid by other countries. Going further than thetheme of last week's editorial which supported the idea of a government floor price for butter, it would seem most just that those who provide the funds to pay the floor price should reap the benefit of a lower retail

But the dairy farmers are going a little too far in asking the government, as a matter of fixed policy, to continue paying the floor price of 58 cents a pound to the producer, re-sell it at a price competitive with margazine and absorb the loss. We doubt if any government would adopt such a policy. As we have said before, it would be much better for the government to get out of the butter business and let the law of supply and demand operate to let the price find its own proper level.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Rather disconcerting isn't she . . . say, I think she gave you somebody else's hat!"



THEY ALSO RAN

I KNOW LITTLE about horse-racing - practically nothing but I know there is a much used expression which has to do with horses that have not distinguished themselves and they are referred to as "also rans." It is not a complimentary term. In any walk of life the number of distinguished persons, is not large, at best about one or-two percent, the rest are ordinary, mundane individuals who also ran.

LATE IN LIFE that giant in heart and mind, Phillips Brooks said: "I would like to have been captain of a great ocean liner.' That is not hard to believe. He was a born leader of men and it is difficult to imagine him in any other role. In most people there is a desire to know the direction in which one is going and, if possible, to know what the outcome of life's experiences will be. They like to stand upon the captain's bridge.

YET IN THE GREATEST CONCERN of all - matters of the soul complete knowledge is denied. There is continual need, for faith and the best and wisest feel it. A beautiful poem by John T. McFarland expresses this truth.

This planet ship on which I ride

I go not where I will but must;

Is drawn by a resistless tide; I touch no pilot wheel but trust That One who holds the chart of stars; Whose fathom-lines touch lowest deeps Whose eye the boundless spaces sweeps, Will guide the ship through cosmic bars. My soul goes not a chosen way; A current underruns my life That moves alike in peace or strife, And turns not for my yea or nay. Not on the bridge, but at the mast, I sail o'er this far-streaming sea; I will arrive; enough for me

My Captain's smile and words at las... THE WIDOW OF A really great man confessed about her husband: He wasn't easy to live with." The lot of the gifted is not easy, too many of them are, as Carlyle said: "Like ships on fire at sea for the benefit of spectators on shore." From the beginning of time there have been men and women weighted down with responsibilities and they need our sympathy and prayers. Elijah once cried in self-reproach - "I am not better than my fathers." That was not quite true for he was a great man, but for those of us who are among the "also rans," we can but humbly and reverently, do our best.

Julia Ward Howe once invited Charles Sumner to meet a distinguished guest at her home but he said scornfully : "I do not know that I wish to meet your friend. I have outlived my interest in individuals." In contrast to that surly and ungracious attitude Paul stresses the truth - as did his Master before him that God is tremendously interested in individuals. Indeed it has been said that the three classes of people Jesus had most frequently in mind were the last, the least and the lost,

THE WRITER ONCE HAD conversation with an old superannuated minister who had outlived by twenty years the Psalmist's span of three-score and ten. The aged man told of days when travelling was exceedingly difficult and hardships a daily lot. With perfect frankness he told of what he considered had been his own limitations as a minister. He summed it up by saying: "I did not always get on well and I made some serious mistakes, but I did the best I could.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Browning: "All service ranks the same with God."

SHOVELLING GRAVEL

they have been eliminated.

work or other purposes, was heavy work for a team ... one of the foughest. The township and county roads were strong muscles. One also requir- worth a trial, don't you think? maintained by gravel shovelled ed the knack of it. A handy by hand. The first of our pro- man with a shovel, who knew vincial highways also were sur- how to use it properly, could faced by the same process. .

It was hard work, shovelling himself out, though he would gravel all day in a pit located be tired. A greenhorn would on a hill. It also was hot work have blisterson his hands and on a summer day, with the sun a sore back before noon of the

load and then spread gravel sion of teams and wagons drew doesn't make one think about up to be filled. The standard.

beating down on the back. It Watching modern equipment was a steady job, as a succes- A strained relationship can be the "good old days." It only re- on provincial roadwork was 11/2 If you doubt the value of apolominds one of some of the back- yards to the load. When one gizing, forget your pride next breaking jobs then, and how load drew away, another wagon replaced it. As the load weighed say, "I'm sorry!" Shovelling grayel, for road about a ton, it likewise was

> One needed tough hands and shovel all'day-without, wearing



revolver!

someone else? ·

For Parents Only "I'M SORRY"

By Nancy Cleaver

In the Editor's Mail

need your money," said a gun- Editor. The Tribune, man not long ago to the clerk Dear Sir.

in a dry cleaning store, as he Although it will be October removed eighteen dollars from or even later before we can give the final reesult of the Na-Politeness does not excuse tional Red Shield Appeal, we thieving, but Mrs. Souter, the are confident that when all the clerk in charge of the store. delayed Campaigns are comwas almost as much surprised pleted the objective will be at the bandit's soft-spoken, po- reached.

appearance of his nickel-plated shows that once again Canadian newspapers have been behind the Salvation Army in its "I'm sorry." Why is it so sel- appeal for funds. The generous dom that this phrase is heard? | coverage and sympathetic sup-Why is it so hard to say? Think port given have been very enback over the last year-or the couraging to this Headquarters. last month. How many times | We should, therefore, like to has someone expressed this re- expreess to you and your staff

lite remark as she was at the Our press clipping service

gret to you? How often have the very warm thanks and apyou said these simple words to preciation of The Salvation Ar-Unfortunately many adults co-operation. Yours sincerely. oride themselves on never apologizing to anyone! Can they really believe that they never

make any mistakes? Can they imagine that they never cause others embarrassment or annoyance? "I'm sorry!" just isn't in their vocabulary. They seem to conclude that offering an apology is

a demeaning sort of thing to do-"I'm not going to 'crawl before anyone, asking his pardon!" they boast.
There are other people who

have, suffered under the foolish apologies at the first of an l address which many inexperienced speakers use. They are as cynical about the value and the sincerity of many regrets which are expressed in the give and take between people. A so-called "self-made man" often used this quotation, "Here's good advice: never offer an apology. Your friends don't need one and your enemies won't believe you."

Strangely enough, the very parents who will not say "I'm sorry!" sometimes attempt to train their children to express sorrow when they harm or offend each other. Bill puts out his foot and trips his little brother, Tim. When Tim runs to another with his eyes streaming and a bump on his forehead, mother chases Bill till she finds him. Then she stands over Bill funtil he's told Tim he's sorry. Helen has been teasing her older sister and calling her "Fatty!". Father indignantly sends Helen to her room. "Stay there until you are sorry for the mean way you are behaving!" he calls after her.

Some mothers claim that there is no point in making a child say "I'm sorry!" if he doesn't feel sorry. They are convinced that to do this is just training a youngster in hypocrisy. Others believe that when a child acts in a thoughtless, unkind way, to make him say "I'm sorry!" impresses on him that his behaviour is un-

desirable. Whatever your opinion on this is, it is important that both you and your child realize that everyone commits blunders which hurt other people. When this, happens it is only courtcous to say, "I'm sorry!" - and mean it! To fail to express regret is to act in a very immature, boorish way. In our own homes, and among our own acquaintances, let's show our children that when we see we have blundered, we can have the grace to say, "I'm

Those two little words, spoken sincerely, can work magic! restored to normal. Understanding and harmony can return. time you are in the wrong and

Even if this is received with coldness or even hostility, you will have done your part. It's (Copyrighted)

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Value of Dissent

To the Editor: One of thel serious weaknesses of presentday society is a tendency to OFFICE: Corner of O'Brien & conform to current practices, whether they are good or bad. And so I admire thosae who do not hesitate to speak their convictions, irrespective of whether it is conducive to popular-

To "lack brave dissent" is a sign of weakness, and to be "neutral on a moral issue" breeds flabbiness of character and makes no contribution to the welfare of society. DRS. MITCHELL & SMITH OBSERVER

SPENDTHRIFT: A person who gets his exercise running up

PHILANTHROPIST: An em ployer who pays low wages so he can make enough money to provide charity for needy workmen.

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