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Courtesy Pays Off

Most small towns, and even large towns, can use a pretty fair amount of good publicity. Contacts with prospective industries, business and people who may be thinking of making their homes outside the cities, depend to a greater extent than is generally realized on the treatment which they receive from residents and officials who, quite unconsciously, set the tone of the town's general attitude.

Before the war, manners were much better all round. People were, perforce, doing a selling job through the depression. Then came the days of short supply when anyone could sell anything and courtesy all too often went by the boards.

Today we are back in a competitive society. People will like you if you are polite; they will live in your town if they find it pleasant; they will build their industries there if it is to their advantage and once again - courtesy pays off.

#### Local Election Should Be Sooner

Stouffville municipal election time should be shortened to one week following nomination, rather than two as it has been for the past number of years. All municipalities in the immediate vicinity allow one week as do the great majority in the province. Time was when extra time was allowed for the holding of campaign meetings but this is not necessary today and rather than a help, we think the long period after nomination is a hindrance.

Chief drawback is in the fact that ratepayers who appear to be difficult to stir to election tempo, lose interest during the long delay. Interest is stirred during nomination time and with the names of candidates fresh in their minds, many citizens could be counted on to turn out to the polls with more enthusiasm if the time were shortened.

Even the townships where one might suppose there was some excuse for a long waiting period due to the travelling which candidates must do if they wish to call on all parts of their constituency, have moved from two weeks to one week and find this period quite sufficient.

If the changing of the local bylaw to provide for an earlier election requires much red tape, council would do well to take care of the matter early in the year rather than wait until business crowds it from their minds and they find that the deadline for such a change has again gone by.

### TB Christmas Seals

At no other time of the year are hearts happier or more considerate of others than at the Christmas Season. This interest in the welfare of others has in no way been better demonstrated by Canadians at Christmas time than in the generous buying of TB Christmas Seals.

Tuberculosis was the leading cause of death when Christmas Seals were first sold in Canada half a century ago. Today, because of the mass x-ray surveys, improved sanatorium care and the new drugs, the disease is no longer the threat it was then, or even a generation ago.

Most adults will remember when tuberculosis was whispered about as "the consumption," and whole families succumbed to it. In those days it was generally believed the disease "ran in families." Now we know, of course, that such has never been the case. The only way to become infected is to get live germs from someone else.

One in five persons is likely to have living germs in his lungs. It is quite possible he may live out his normal span of life without active disease. It is also true that this one in five is a potential case of tuberculosis, and it is from him and others like him that all active disease evolves.

It is to find the disease early, should it develop in the one in five - that the National Sanitarium Association urges everyone to have tuberculin tests as well as the free chest x-rays. The tuberculin test reveals the disease even before the x-ray.

The selling of Christmas Seals makes this excellent TB prevention program possible. Again everyone is urged to continue the Canadian tradition of providing this gift of health to others.

# LAFF OF THE WEEK



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WHEN THE FIRST WORLD WAR broke out in 1914, one of the

most famous artists in France was Jean Lemordant. He enlisted in the French army. He was leading his regiment in an attack

before Arras when he was struck by a bullet.

AFTERWARDS HE SAID that it seemed at the time as if his head had been completely smashed. For forty-eight hours he was unconscious, and when he came to himself, he lay among the dead and dying, scarcely able to move. He heard around him the groans of dying men. Even then his great courage showed itself, for when he saw a Breton lad dying, he crawled to him and comforted his last moments.

WHEN AT LAST Lemordant was found, along with others, he was taken to a German hospital and placed among the serious cases. Then the darkness came - that terrible darkness which put an end to his fondest hopes. At first he did not know what was the matter. Anxiously he asked the nurses: "Why does the night last so long? It seems as if the morning will never come." When the news was told him that he was blind, he was staggered. "I had thought of death," he said, and even thought I might be maimed for life, but I never thought of having to live in the dark all my days."

THEN HE SHOWED that supreme courage which caused even his captors to wonder and admire. He moved among his fellow prisoners and, partly to while away the time and partly in order to help them, he began to give lectures on painting. Then a great hope came to him. His eyes became better, and he began to see a little - not much more than a glimmer at first, but enough to make him radiant with hope. Each day he told himself that his eyesight was just a little better than the day before.

THEN ONE DAY a terrible thing happened, and his hopes were dashed to the ground. He was in the midst of a lecture when something seemed to snap, and instantly every ray of light vanished. Then he knew that he was blind. It was a terrible moment, but he did not stop speaking. He continued to lecture. Those who were listening were aware that something had happened, although they did not know what it was. At the close of the lecture they rushed forward, only to make the discovery that Lemordant's hopes had been in vain - he was totally blind.

LEMORDANT FACED THE WORLD again with courage and hope. Much could be written about this brave man, but one picture stands out clearly. It is that of a man delivering a lecture and suddenly being stricken with blindness, but continuing and finishing the lecture while none knew what had happened save himself and God.

This thrilling story made me think of another - this time of a French lady, Madam Curie, famous inventor. Like her husband she was teaching at a University of Paris. One day, when in the midst of a lecture news was brought to her that her husband had been fatally injured in accident. After the funeral she felt that the best thing for her to do was to continue her lecture course.

THE LARGE GROUP of students was speculating how she would appear. Knowing her, they did not anticipate tears or much emotion, so they waited. The door to the platform slowly opened and Madame Curie stepped to the platform. There was a hush, then she said: "As I was saying in my last lecture . . ." She got no further for several minutes. Such sublime courage staggered the students, they burst into genuine applause. Here was courage of the highest kind, and it deeply moved the students. She wanted to continue just where she left off - "As I

was saying in my last lecture." OUR QUOTATION TODAY is the life motto of Sarah Bernhardt: "In spite of All."



# For Parents Only Belonging to a Family

By Nancy Cleaver

I the growing and the contract the property of

Sharing work as well as rec-

where people sleep and eat

must be responsible for certain

Counsellors at camp are some-

times surprised to have camp-

ers in their cabin in their teens

who never do their beds regu-

larly at home, much less take

a turn at meal preparation, and

dish washing. Children -lead

busy lives, as well as their par-

ents. But they appreciate their

own free time all the more if

ular, definite home jobs.

they have the discipline of reg-

If being a member of a fam

ily is a happy experience, a son

or a daughter will want to in-

vite friends into their home

from time to time. Experience

gained in playing the part of

host or hostess is valuable in

adult life. Boys and girls should

also be encouraged to welcome

their parents' friends when they

are guests in the home. Mother

adolescent to feel less shy, if

sandwiches when a group is be-

things about belonging to a

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ing entertained.

can often assist a self-conscious

"So many juvenile delinquents | tion, and as one mother said frankly, "Perhaps my youngcome from broken or unhappy homes! They have no re-assur- sters spend too much time before the screen, but at least ing feeling of belonging to a now know where they are. We happy family," a social worker have arguments about which said recently. "Who can blame them when they stay at home programs we want to watch, but we do have a good time disas little as possible?" cussing them afterwards."

The need to belong is a fundamental one. In boyhood an infant finds satisfaction from his reation tends to bind a family dependence on his mother. The together if the home chores are wisely planned and fairly dislittle child knows the love and affection of both parents. If tributed. It takes time and patience and tact for mother and there are brothers or sisters, dad to "get across" to the chilthey may squabble a lot, but most children will stick up for dren that home is not a house the members of their own famtheir meals. It is a co-operative ily. By this loyalty they say to dwelling, where each personoutsiders, "He-or she-belongs to my family-so look out!"

Parents make a great blun- tasks. der if they punish a child for antisocial behaviour or some piece of naughtiness by saying, "Don't do that, if you want to be a member of our family!" No matter what a child does, the child must never be rejected by the parents. Every child has the right to know that come what may, mother and dad still claim him as a member of their

A child desperately needs the security; the courage, which comes from this feeling of belonging to a group. In the old days, when families were larger, this sense of family unity seemed easier to achieve. In the one or two child homes, this "community of children" is mis-

A generation ago, most familles attended church and filled "family pew." Many homes observed daily devotions. There son or daughter carries out is nothing which will strength- some simple task like passing en the family so much as regular worship. The Bible reminds us that it is God who has set "the solitary in families."

Surely He intended that family life should be happy. certain amount of tension inevitable where a group striving to live together. But fellowship grows in leisure time activities such as singing and games and picnics.

The value of a Family Council to plan one of these projects is that each member of the household feels more responsibility for the success of these activities if he or she has had a part from the beginning. The day of parental dictatorship in ers in most American families most Canadian homes is gone, and a recent survey shows do-But there are so many attrac- it-yoursek painters are quick to tions outside the family, that a accept technical improvements real effort often must be made such as nylon bristles. to keep some time for mother and dad and children to have Each year the United States together.

Enthusiasts for TV claim a moves from New York Harbor TV set in the home encourages about 2,500,000 cubic yards of the members of the family to sand and silt carried down the enjoy certain programs to- Hudson, mostly by the natural gether. TV has a great fascina current.

# THE GREAT DECISION

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IS DREADING

The nation's darling still,

Are turned to England; fill With tears o'er news, decision From young heart brave and

Renunciation, too!

In all your paths with roses Sweet flowers all the way, Your feet have met the sharpest thorn,

We all do wonder why. There is a story of a bird That sang with thorn-pierced

The sweetest song that e'er was heard. Before that birdie died. Our Saviour wore a crown of

thorns And He was God's own Son. Now with compassion He heals the wounds

Of hearts all filled with pain. For love and pain go hand in

As on through life we go, We pray for you, in every land That God may strengthen you. A group of women prayed for

All in a crowded church, For all the Royal Family too Dear Margaret, loved Princess. -Mrs. A. Weber This poem was sent to Princess Margaret by request.

# EDITOR'S MAIL

Nov. 29, 1955 Editor, The Tribune, Dear Sir:

. I was attracted to a particular point in your news report of a meeting of the executive and directors, at Myrtle, of the Federation of Agriculture for South Ontario County; a.e., the reference to the fact that "a delegation from UAW, Oshawa, contacted the meeting and asked the feeling of the Federation in regard to canvassing the farmers for food contributions for the families of strikers.

I note that "because the membership in the Federation of Agriculture is voluntary, the members could only say that, individually, they would be happy to help to alleviate the need in any way; but could not make any statement that would cover the rest of the farmers." It is decidedly encouraging,

aside entirely from the compassionate approach of the organized farmers in the above instance, that today's "top brass" in the ranks of Union Labor, are commencing to take some deep looks at what is happenling along the agricultural front. In this latter respect, according to the news columns of your city contemporaries, the tendency to a more co-operative approach to common problems of both these major occupational groups in the population, is not merely at the emergency level. I find this latter trend very significant and timely. In my judgment, it points in the right direction and to a more secure and happier future for gainfully employed workers, ev-

There is room for information Beloved Princess Margaret Rose | and mutual progress at both sides of the table, and I heartily Now all the nations' hearts and approve 'guest speakers' from both great groups being heard in town and countryside, respectively. What is needed, it seems to me, is a better understanding of their aspirations, plans and objectives. I feel that only the tiniest fraction of off-The great decision now is made, the-farm Canadians are aware, for example, of the following fact which I ran across the other day in one of the prairie OFFICE : Corner of O'Brien farm papers: "In 1929 the farmer got 3 cents for the wheat in a loaf of bread; the loaf sold for 7.7 cents. Today the farmer still gets 3 cents; but the loaf sells for 15 cents." As one of the famed columnists would say, 'believe it or not'. Personally I find it hard to credit, and would be inclined to question it, from a less authoritative source than the co-operative

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