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Could Be Worse

Rain has been underfoot and on the tongue of everyone this summer, but it could be worse, according to statistics.
A place in California holds the world's record for the greatest one-minute rainfall — .65 inches.

Peculiar Brains

It may be surprising to learn that while muscles take up 44.1 per cent of the weight of the average body, the brain accounts for 1.9 per cent.
Actually the average brain weighs a little more than three pounds, proving again that valuable things are done up in small packages.

Reading Project

The summer months, with extra free time for the small fry, would seem an ideal occasion for parents to encourage more reading by their children.
We have in mind diversions other than increased consumption of comic books or the pulp adventure magazines. A bit of guiding, psychology, and wise spending can get this project off to a good start.



Gentle Men

I HAVE BEEN THINKING of an old man I knew when a lad. He was bent nearly double and walked along the streets with hands behind his back. He seemed to suffer from curvature of the spine or some kindred ailment. He was a great favorite with everybody, but especially with children. I have never known a kinder and more unassuming person.

HE HAD NO AMBITION to be thought of other than as a humble Christian, yet by sheer transparent goodness he became probably the best-loved man in a town of about 30,000 people. I left England before he died but friends told me his funeral was one of the largest ever held there. He was a member of one of the Protestant churches but children from all the schools, including the Roman Catholic, followed his body to its last resting-place in a local cemetery. He never held office in any of the local organizations; he was the humblest man in town.

HE DID TEACH in Sunday School. Sometimes sophisticated lads would draw his attention to passages in the bible that seemed vulgar. He looked pained but patient as he tried to explain their place in Scripture but his sheer purity of life shamed the youths and increased their respect for him.

I HAD AT THAT TIME some office in a Band of Hope Temperance Society. Several times he came and spoke to the children. He was no orator but I shall never forget his earnestness as he stood before the children; modestly dressed but completely carried away with his subject. By some strange law of the spiritual life, even restless youngsters understood as he spoke, as did his Master, with authority.

THE WORD GENTLEMAN has come to have a meaning suggesting social prestige. Old "Tommy Herron" never earned more than enough to keep himself in decent clothes and maintain a frugal style of living but if by gentleman we mean kindness, culture, and good-will, he qualified one hundred percent. All kinds of people sought his advice although he had very little formal schooling.

NO MAN I have ever known made me think so much of that striking sentence St. Paul used when writing to the Corinthians: "Love seeketh not her own." That was it; he never would have said: "I'll have my own," he did not insist even on his rights. It wasn't what he did or said, but what he was that counted. He lived a selfless life — he was that rarity; a gentle man.

I HAVE KNOWN quite a lot of men like him; obscure, humble but dependable. They are the salt of the earth although they would be the last people in the world to think it, but there they are, like the foundation stones of a bridge, unseen but necessary.

PEOPLE LIKE TOMMY HERRON — whether they are men or women — make me think of Jesus. A lot of belligerent-minded people try to make us think that Jesus was assertive and capable of anger. They are constantly quoting that incident when Jesus made a scourge and drove the money changers out of the temple. From that they work out a system in which Jesus was a he-man as they term it; subject to passionate outbursts. Not long ago a man who heard me preach on the gentleness of Jesus wrote me a pretty scornful letter in which he said I made Jesus out to be a "Slay". He went on to say what he thought Jesus would say and do in certain emergencies. It was a different Jesus than I had always believed in.

I HAVE IN MIND a picture of Jesus. I think of him washing the disciples' feet and telling them that the greatest of all must be the servant of all. I remember his words: "Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." I recall that with his dying breath he said: concerning those who crucified Him: "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Henry Ward Beecher: "Gentleness is not weakness; it is strength held in reserve."

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"Of course, I shall expect to receive your statement promptly on the first of the month, my good man."

For Parents Only

Morning Slow Poke

By Nancy Cleaver

"Tommy is a slow poke in the morning! He takes ages to get dressed. I despise mothers who continually nag at their children — but what can I do to cure him?" Mrs. Black asked her mother.

"Don't worry too much about his slowness in the morning. He's only a little fellow..." "But he should have time to eat a decent breakfast — and I don't want him to be late for school. Dawdling over dressing may seem a small fault, but it is terribly annoying!"

Until a child starts to school, the exact time when his dressing is completed does not matter very much to his mother. But once he has that "nine o'clock deadline" for greeting Teacher, then dawdling over dressing may become a real problem in a busy household. It is a good plan to establish the earlier breakfast hour for a child several weeks before he or she goes to school for the first time.

Adults must remind themselves that although time means a great deal to them, to a small child the passing of time means very little. Children hate to be hurried. Sometimes one of the simplest ways to overcome tardiness in the morning is to call the child a quarter of an hour earlier, so that he is out of bed and thus give him a longer time to put on his clothes. A large alarm clock on his dresser with the time marked when he should be starting on his way to breakfast is useful for some youngsters.

Choosing what he is to wear and laying out his garments on a chair beside his bed the night before is a practical suggestion. When a little girl is sleepy, it may be confusing, and take several moments to decide, whether to wear the blue dress with the white collar or the green jumper and yellow blouse. Small socks, shoes and underwear are apt to be misplaced under the bed or in the clothes closet or bathroom in the process of getting ready for bed. Make a game of the night before, of leaving them all out in readiness for the next day.

Mother should check on the physical condition of a child who dawdles continually. Is he slow because he is feeling sluggish? Perhaps he needs a tonic or a medical check-up. A low grade sinus infection can make him feel very "loggy" in the morning. It might be that his bed-time hour is a little late or his sleep has been interrupted. Maybe his bedroom is not well ventilated. More rest and fresh air may make all the difference.

If there are several children in the family, the business of getting ready for school may be delayed as they argue with each other. One mother finally made the rule, "Wait to talk until you get to the breakfast table." Another parent discovered that arranging for two brothers to dress in different rooms speeded up this process. If they were together, inevitably they started fooling around and laughing at each other's antics. Still another parent gave special praise to the first child to appear at the table.

Some children are not very dextrous with their fingers. A little help from mother in tying shoe laces or doing up a button may be just what is needed to finish getting dressed. Most children's clothes today are simply made and easy to get into. But if a child is a dawdler, mother should check that buttonholes are large enough and zippers are easy to handle.

A pleasant prospect ahead is a real inducement to finish a task like dressing. What tiny youngster doesn't enjoy a cheer-

ry greeting and "a morning kiss" when he comes to breakfast? If possible, give Junior a small chore which he likes, such as bringing in the morning paper or the milk or letting the pussy cat outside before he sits down to the table. Children do relish a bit of fun at breakfast. If more mothers would take time for a little nonsense, instead of worrying so about nourishing meals and promptness at school, there would be less dawdling!

Once in a while the real reason why a small child lingers over getting his clothes on, is because he doesn't want to go off and leave mother. Perhaps being at home is much more fun than going to school. Maybe he feels shy with teacher or afraid of some of the bigger children. It is quite possible that he thinks his clothes are "different." How he dreads the other youngsters making fun of him! If there is a real reason why he's dawdling over dressing, mother should try to discover what it is, and do something about it. (Copyright)

How Silly Can One Get?

"If you can't be good, be careful," is one of the commonest of admonitions and is sometimes brought to mind by someone's lack of carefulness.

A sample was furnished by a news item from Toronto last weekend. It seems the police picked up a motorist who was convicted on a charge of "impaired driving," which is another way of saying "drunk driving" only that it doesn't sound so bad and does not carry such a heavy penalty, which is probably all right since one's ability to drive may be impaired but not destroyed.

It is supposition on our part that the police searched his car for liquor, and in the search it came to light that he was a distributor of Irish Sweepstakes tickets and in his possession the officers found the names of 320 agents whom he supplied. Prosecutions of these agents is in progress, according to the news item referred to.

The thing which stands out in the incident is the utter silliness of that distributor. He was engaged in a business which is legally wrong, whether or not it is morally so. One would think that if he found it to his advantage to be not good, he would at least protect himself and his "staff" by being careful to avoid actions which are wrong from both legal and moral viewpoints. For there is nothing to be said in favor of drunk driving. That guy was certainly not careful and his "impaired driving" brought trouble to himself and to others as is so often the case.

We saw just recently an editorial on the folly of attempts to suppress gambling. It is a human trait, or frailty, which enters into all activities from the cradle to the grave. Every business activity is a gamble. You stake life itself every time you enter a motor car or cross the street. The farmer who risks his labor and seed in the spring gambles with the elements on his crop return.

The element of hypocrisy enters into it, too. Canada bans the Irish Sweepstakes because it's a lottery. We can't see why it's wrong to take a chance on a horse race unless the government gets a rake-off, when it becomes all right.

It's a sin, apparently, to run a bingo game for yourself but it's fine and dandy for a charity.

From our EARLY FILES

Aug. 20th, 1925

A cheque was issued last week by The Stouffville Board of Trade for \$623.15, being principal and interest sufficient to retire the mortgage on the Memorial Park property. The property was acquired from the Church of England, the mortgage being held by the Synod.

At the regular meeting of the School Board, the Secretary was instructed to purchase from the Royal Ink Co., sufficient powder to make a gallon of ink. Police are investigating the recent chicken thieves epidemic in the neighborhood. Among many farms mentioned was that of Mr. Fred Winn, just north of town, who lost fifteen white Rock hens, some being of a particularly choice strain.

Tax Collector H. Perry has now got his slips distributed informing each property owner of the amount he is expected to

render under Caesar for the privilege of living in Stouffville. In most cases, the recipients of these notices are agreeably surprised to see that the amount demanded is somewhat reduced from that of last year.

Lawn bowling has a wonderful scope of followers, ranging from the small boy to the aged man. On the local green last week, Reg. Button, a juvenile player unbalanced two of the leading bowlers, and as a result of his wins is now sporting the Burkholder diamond pin. Hon. George S. Henry, minister of Highways, awarded the contract for the supply of 1926 automobile markers to the MacDonald Manufacturing Co., the price being 8 1/2 c per pair. Last year's price was 10 cents per pair, the color for 1926 is to be pearl grey and black. Some 300,000 plates are being ordered at a total cost of about \$33,000.

Up Bond Interest Rate As Inflation Feared

Interest rates on this year's issue of Canada Savings bonds have been boosted to encourage Canadians to save and help battle current inflationary trends.

Finance Minister Harris announced the new bond issue in the House of Commons Saturday after warning that there is a risk of inflation in Canada. He said the higher interest rates are designed to encourage Canadians to save.

The finance minister made the announcement in a brief speech launching debate on the spending estimates of his department. The 151st day of the session, second longest since Confederation in 1867. Prorogation, previously expected by Saturday, is expected now by the middle of this week.

Mr. Harris' warning of the risk of inflation was contained in a reference to last week's announcement by the Bank of Canada that its interest rate had been boosted to a record 3 1/2%.

"What the Bank of Canada has been doing has been to moderate the rate of increase in the expansion of credit, so as to keep it in a reasonable relationship with the growth of production," he said. "This helps to prevent the present condition of expanding production from spilling over into one of speculation, inflation and instability."

Mr. Harris' announcement of the new bond issue was amplified in a statement issued outside the Commons by the Bank of Canada.

The issue — the 11th since the Second World War — will go on sale Oct. 15. Dated Nov. 1, 1956, the bonds will mature 12 1/2 years later, on May 1, 1969.

Average yield of the bonds to maturity will be 3.76 percent a year, compared with a flat 3 1/2 percent for the 10th series. To Carry 13 Coupons. The bonds will carry 13 coupons, the first covering a six-months period and the remaining 12 a one-year period each. The first two coupons will pay interest at an annual rate of 3 1/2%, the next two at 3 3/4%, the next two at 3 1/2% and the remaining seven at four percent.

A Bank of Canada official said the longer Canadians hold these bonds, the better, will be the average interest return. Mr. Harris said the high level of economic activity in 1956, including an \$8,000,000,000 capital rate increase, he said: "Let the government clean its own house. Let it look at its own swollen expenditures which represent one of the biggest and strongest inflationary factors in our economy today."

If the government wanted to ward off the threat of inflation it should direct its efforts toward increased production. Harry O. White (PC—Middlesex East) said the government is starting late to prevent inflation. "You can't prevent a disease you already have," he said.

Here sellers of lottery tickets work on a hush-hush system. In France, Italy, Mexico, and other countries they are like our government liquor stores, on the main drag with prominent signs certifying their official standing. It's not a crime in Canada to drink liquor if you pay the government for a licence and buy where the government gets its rake-off. But it's wicked to beat the government out of its share. We may be holier in Canada than they are in other countries, but it's more likely that we are just hypocrites.

The writer of this comment on gambling and lottery regulations is the editor of the Ridgeway Dominion, and with his view we heartily concur. To stand on one side of a fence, as one does at the race track and make a bet which is perfectly legal, and to step outside and make the same wager and be arrested for it, is utterly false and nonsense.

"Why does a chicken cross the street?" used to be a common question. Now it's "how does a chicken cross the street?"

Test Case on Fishing Thrown Out of Court

Last May in a story appearing on the leasing of trout streams by farmer-owners, it was mentioned that the one drawback was the farmer who invites his friends to catch trout after the lessees have stocked the stream.

Such a practice does not go down too well with fishermen who lease streams. They often spend considerable money in restocking streams and making the grounds attractive.

A test case was heard in Hanover police court last week when Harry Lumdsen charged three men trespassing on a stream he had rented from E. D. Owens on lot 29, concession 10 of Normandy Township.

Mr. Lumdsen said that he along with Harry Henderson and Irwin Fisher had rented the stream from Mr. Owens.

June 24 the three had found Raymond Leonard, Joseph Watson and Milton D. Scott, all of Aytton, and Willie Owens, son of owner E. D. Owens on the stream. Mr. Lumdsen charged them under the Petty Trespass Act.

Magistrate E. C. Sperman of Owen Sound dismissed the charges when Mr. Lumdsen failed to produce a copy of the lease between himself and Mr. Owens.

During the trial, defence counsel Alex J. McNab of Walkerton asked if the charges had been laid as a result of a \$10 bet between one of the accused and Dr. J. J. Hergott of Aytton on the outcome of the case if taken to court. Mr. McNab said that although the trespassing offence was supposed to have taken place June 24, the charges were not laid until July 12.

Willie Owens testified he had invited the three Aytton men to go fishing on his dad's place. The father claimed it was the understanding he would have fishing privileges on his own land. The trio leased the stream from him about eight years ago for \$15 a year.

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