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Editorials

Farmers Have Our Sympathy

There is an old and outworn fable among townsmen that farmers are eternal complainers — that they are never satisfied no matter how good they have it.

Ontario farmers are facing the most discouraging season in many, many years. Seeding was endlessly hampered by wet weather in the spring and harvesting of coarse grains is weeks behind for the same reason.

Canadian Dictators

Are Canadian newscasters becoming "little dictators." It would appear that more and more radio newsmen have been stricken with the idea that they should stand up on a soap box and give their own personal feelings on various contentious subjects.

Recently one Toronto broadcaster devoted a considerable amount of time ridiculing the move to have fluorine ejected into the city's water supply, in spite of approval by doctors, dentists and other men who are authorities on the subject.

Building Expensively

An incongruity of these times is the fad of building sprawling, one-storey structures to serve as primary schools. At a time when so much tax money is required to construct schools to accommodate an unprecedented upsurge in enrolment of elementary school pupils we have allowed ourselves to be talked into building schools the most expensive way.

The flat, rambling schools have prompted the Peterborough Examiner to remark: "Architectural fads imposed on commercial or domestic private purses may be viewed genially; exercised with public funds they should be criticized.

One almost gets the impression that height has become dangerous to the educational process. The London (England) County Council does not think so. It builds two, three and four-story schools, and one now being completed at Putney has nine stories.

Schools of such height requiring elevators would properly be frowned upon in Ontario communities, but we do agree with the Peterborough paper that in this province "the next turn of the architectural screw should be up."

Litterbugs A Public Menace

This year new signs have appeared along the provincial highways, indicating that a \$50 fine awaits those who are caught throwing or leaving trash or rubbish along the sides of these roads.

The Sudbury Star condemns not only those whom it calls litterbugs, but also those who deliberately trespass on other people's property, chop down trees for firewood and leave the place littered with garbage and other refuse.

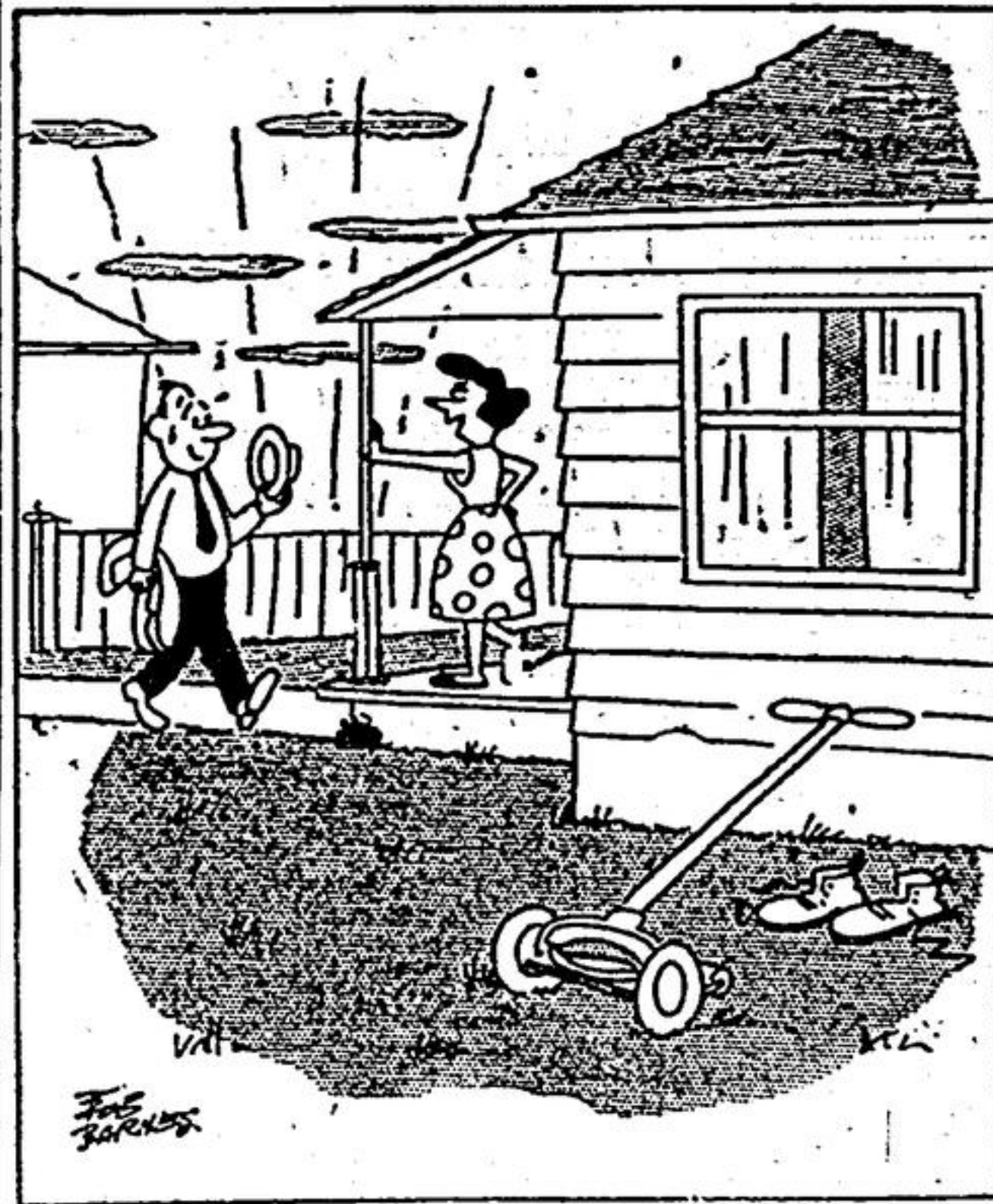
The Sherbrooke Record, dealing with an allied subject, reminds us that there are litterbugs in the cities as well as among motorists using the highways. It says:

"Anyone with a lawn fronting a sidewalk can vouch for this. Passersby toss empty cigarette boxes, paper bags, lolly-pop sticks, potato chips or other remnants on the grass."

This is just as true of Stouffville as it is of other places. On almost every street corner on a windy day will be seen an accumulation of paper, candy bar wrappers, cigarettes and other windblown trash.

Mosquitoes and black flies, as the Sudbury Star points out, may be an annoyance to the skin, but the litterbug creates a situation that is annoying to the

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"It's such a nice evening, how would you like to slip into your old, comfortable shoes and stroll around the yard?"



BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

Cause and Effect

QUITE A NUMBER of years ago, on a Sunday afternoon in Winter, a man and his wife visited Niagara Falls to see the spectacle of the Falls being frozen over.

DURING THE MINISTRY of JESUS, some men were repairing the Tower of Silvan when the wall fell and several were killed.

I THINK IT IS a presumptuous thing for humans to interpret the will of God and talk glibly about the ways of God. Let us be reverent and humble.

WE CANNOT LOVE ANYONE too much. It is infinitely better that we should be reverent and humble, confess that we do not understand why such things happen and say with the poet:

"God moved in a mysterious way His wonders to perform He plants His footsteps in the sea, And rides upon the storm."

IN ONE OF HIS BOOKS, Dr. Stanley Jones, tells of meeting a man in India who said: "God let me down." When Dr. Jones asked for an explanation the man said: "My brother was very ill and I prayed daily for his recovery, but he died — God let me down."

ONE CAN SYMPATHIZE with such a man but it is difficult to follow his reasoning. The history of humanity is one of disappointment and frustration. Surely it is a wiser thing to believe in the wisdom and goodness of God, than to think that religion is an insurance policy with which we try to make a bargain with God.

NOT ONCE, BUT MANY TIMES Jesus urged his listeners to have faith in God, in such passages as: "Ye believe in God, believe also in me." There were times when Christ needed this admonition himself. When on the cross he cried: "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me." Is it any wonder that we are so often troubled and bewildered.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by one of the fathers of the church: "God is patient, because He is eternal."

TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY

YOUR HOME TOWN PAPER IS THE INFORMATION CENTER FOR ALL YOUR LOCAL, COUNTY AND STATE NEWS. IT KEEPS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS, AND ALL THAT GOES ON IN YOUR TOWN.



eyes. And from the health aspect of this practice, medical authorities have some definite ideas as to the extent to which it is a menace to the health of the community.

There was a move several years ago to have trash cans placed at intervals on the business section to take care of such garbage, but the move failed to materialize when the Chamber of Commerce disbanded. The idea is a good one and we note that it is in vogue in a number of neighboring communities.

Local Publisher Visits Scotland - "Blue Bloods"

(By C. H. Nolan)

Our stay in Glasgow was short and we left early for the bus trip to Edinburgh. We travelled all day through the grandeur of the Scottish hills, purple with heather, and the thousands of black faced sheep feeding on the slopes.

After climbing and then descending through rugged mountain country on narrow winding roads, we passed into fine farming land near Sterling. To me this is still one of the greatest revelations of the trip.

While it is indeed an honour, it can also be uncomfortable for an Ontario rural newspaper publisher to meet some of Britain's "blue bloods".

In the evening Mr. Roy Thompson, millionaire Canadian publisher and owner of the Edinburgh Scotsman, gathered more than a dozen Earls and Lords and their Ladies to meet us.

Our first evening in this renowned city we visited friends. The cobblestone streets were wet but our taxi driver was apparently used to this and we careened around curves and up and down steep grades with no apparent caution.

For Parents Only



Our Heritage of Trees

By Nancy Cleaver

"Mummy, come with me and see the big maple at the end of the street!" Small Jimmie's eyes were bright with excitement.

Scholars in some classrooms collect and press leaves, while others gather twigs from different trees. This makes children more observant.

The study of trees is an interesting hobby. Making spatterprints with leaves is another fascinating handicraft activity.

The loss of our forest heritage by fire each year is tragic. Boys and girls are taught forest conservation at school.

They should also encourage an appreciation of beauty, of growing things, trees and flowers and birds.

It is in order to be sensible that Latin is used for scientific names. Every tree has a common name, likely several common names — and different names in different parts of the country.

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Total Immunization Aim of Public Health Says Doctor

"Canada's record is as good as any country's with regard to immunization, but it is still not good enough. We won't rest contented until total immunization is achieved," stated Dr. R. J. Wilson, Associate Professor of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in the School of Hygiene, University of Toronto, in a National Immunization Week interview.

"There are still children in this country who are not immunized. While this situation exists, the danger of epidemics is still with us." He pointed out that, despite widespread public health measures in effect, there is only an estimated 70 percent coverage.

"The big hazard is during the early part of life. Take for instance the matter of whooping cough. This disease is caused by bacteria which affect the mucous membranes of the bronchi of the lungs. A tiny child is not sufficiently strong to cough this mucus up, and the throat passages are very small as well."

Dr. Wilson said that between 1945 and 1949, 60.2% of all deaths from whooping cough occurred in children under five months, and that 77% of the total were in children under one year of age.

"It is evident that all children must be immunized early in life. They should be immunized at three months of age, having three doses at a month's interval and a booster shot between six and twelve months later."

To achieve the ideal, children should receive another booster at the age of three, and another at six years. This is a precautionary measure to take care of those odd persons whose immunity may wear off a bit unless fortified by the booster.

"There is no need for any child in Canada to go unprotected by immunization," he continued. "Every province, including the Northwest Territories, has public health services where parents may have their children immunized free of charge. Wherever there is a school service, there is a health service as well."

Large urban centres, as well as many rural towns, have child health centres where vaccination and immunization may be obtained free of charge, regardless of family income.

Immunization may be obtained from the family doctor, who receives the vaccines free of charge from the Provincial Government.

Today, there is no smallpox, hardly any diphtheria, and whooping cough is declining. What we would like to achieve is a lowering of the general incidence of disease throughout Canada, in order to achieve the same results as we did in the case of diphtheria — that is, to eliminate carriers of disease, thus eliminating the risk of exposure to disease in the first place."

Dr. Wilson urged all Canadian parents to have their children immunized during National Immunization Week, sponsored by the Health League of Canada, when it is still fresh in their minds.

Grandpa may have been a tightwad but he always had something laid away for a rainy day.

The reason a person never speaks ill of himself and really means it is that he has to live with himself.

Many a wrestling match between a person and his conscience is also fixed.

for lunch at Newcastle on Tyne. All farm vehicles such as tractors and combines bear the same license plates as motor cars. A car owner receives only one plate over here, not a new one each year, and he merely renews his license. New drivers have a special "L" for Learner fastened to the rear bumper.

Traffic seems to be more orderly as one comes south from Scotland. In Edinburgh when I enquired of a policeman about crossing the street, he simply replied, "Anyplace, anytime you can make it." Morning tea yesterday was at Newark where I came across a new sign — "Squashed Oranges and Liquid Apples," for orange or apple juice. Leeds is part of the Industrial Midlands, heavily bombed in wartime but not too many signs of devastation remain.

Moving on to London today we passed numerous abandoned R.A.F. airfields, where nature was slowly covering tarvia runways with grass and only hangars were intact. Nearing Nottingham, there is Robin Hood's Sherwood Forest in the distance stretching for some 20 miles.

Lunch time was spent at Stamford, a quaint old village dating back to Norman times. One of the streets, complete with stores was not over 12' wide. From Scotland, the Great North Road, highway A1 leads to London now embracing a million persons. As we entered the suburbs, an air display was in progress at an outlying field, part of the Commemoration of the Battle of Britain.

We walked around Piccadilly Square to-night and will get down to seeing London in earnest to-morrow.

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Sunday School Lesson

THE GREAT INVITATION

(Lesson for September 30)

Mark 10:15-16; Rev. 21:1 to 22:21

Golden Text — And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.—Rev. 22:17.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson

There are two features of the Christian faith which stand out very prominently in all the Bible revelation. The first is, that Christianity is soteria—it is a way of salvation. Through all the Bible we see God moving out toward men with purpose to save them. For the Bible regards men as lost—sinners condemned under the righteous judgment of God and incapable of redeeming themselves.

The other feature of Christianity which is strongly emphasized is its teleological character—it is moving toward a goal. The Bible keeps pointing us forward to a day of God, a day of restitution, the Kingdom of God.

Now both of these features center in the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the Mediator of the whole purpose of God, both soteria and teleological. By Him salvation comes to men, and by Him the Kingdom of God comes.

His Cross is the great saving event, and His coming again is the great eschatological event. Both these aspects of Christianity appear in the last chapter of Revelation. Here Jesus is seen as the Lamb, mediating salvation by His suffering and death, and He is seen as the Coming One, bringing the new Heaven and the new earth, the holy city and the ultimate triumph. He is "Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last". John was understandably but wrongly moved to worship the angel who showed him these things. Surely we ought to be moved to worship Him by whom all these things are accomplished!

Verse by Verse

Rev. 22:1—"... a pure river of water of life ... proceeding out of the throne ..." Compare Ezekiel 47:1-11. Notice that Ezekiel's river proceeds from the throne.

Verse 2—"In the midst of the street ... the tree of life ... fruit every month ... for the healing of the nations." The phrase, "in the midst of the street of it," properly belongs to verse 1, indicating the location of the river. In Eden the tree of life was a single tree (Gen. 2:9; 3:22, 24), but here it seems to be a "species" growing on both sides of the river. The healing attributed to the leaves does not necessarily imply sickness, but may signify preservation from sickness. Compare Ezekiel 47:12.

Verse 3—"... no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb ... his servants shall serve him." For the "curse," see Genesis 3:17-19. Notice the association of "God and the Lamb" on the throne. The servants are bondslaves, but they are engaged in the service of priests, not of slaves.

Verse 4—"And they shall see his face ... his name ... in their foreheads." See 1 Peter 1:8; 1 Corinthians 13:12. For the name in the forehead compare 7:3. The name in the forehead signifies both ownership and likeness.

Verse 5—"... no night ... no candle, neither ... sun ... they shall reign." This does not say that there is no sun, but simply that it is not needed as a source of light. It may have other functions as part of the "new heaven." The saints have now come into their eternal royalty.

Verse 6—"I fell down to worship ... The majestic appearance of the messenger, coupled with the overwhelming glory of the message, so awed John that for the second time he went to worship the angel.

Verse 7—"I am thy fellowservant ... worship God." While the word "worship" in verse 8 is used also of reverence due to man, it is evidently used here of an act of homage due only to God, and the angel repudiates it, assuming a place on a par with John, and pointing to God as the sole object of worship.

Verse 8—"I am the root and the offspring of David." Whether spoken through the interpreting angel or not, these are the words of Jesus Himself. Notice the phrase, "root and offspring," signifying Christ's deity as source of all being, and His humanity as son of David (Matt. 1:1). The phrase, "the bright, the morning star" (A.S.V.), has doubtless reference to His coming again.

Verse 9—"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come ... Come ... whosoever will." Do all the "comes" refer to the Gospel invitation, or do some of them refer to the Lord's return? See Topics for Development.

Verse 10—"If any man shall add ... God shall add ... the plagues ..." A solemn warning not to tamper with Holy Scripture, and particularly this portion.

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