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# ditorials

#### 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. This crop season should certainly prove the contrary, for we have heard a great deal more moaning from urban dwellers than from the farm folk themselves over the conditions created by the weather.

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. In case you haven't noticed, a drive through the country will convince you. The stooks are standing out in field after field, black with cold moisture, which in many cases has rotted the grain or caused it to resprout. Some fields of wheat, which should have been threshed over a month ago remain crinkled and soaked with moisture. The same is true for oats. Combining and threshing has been brought to abrupt halts for days on end and it is likely that some farmers will either plow their grain under or burn it off. A farmer's misfortune does not only affect the farmer however. It has a widespread reaction on Mr. John Q. Public no matter what his trade may be.

#### 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. The average citizen switches on his radio to listen to "facts" and not what Mr. Newscaster thinks or believes. After all, he is only one man and his opinion might be entirely wrong. We, the listeners are expected to digest this one-sided type of broadcasting for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's enough to make one sick in his stomach. Luckily, Canadians aren't too easily swayed, however, by anyone's own personal likes or dislikes. Why these personal grudges or grievances should be forced down the throats of the listeners is more than we can understand.

Recently one Toronto broadcaster devoted a con-· siderable 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. Another newscaster spent the greater part of his time chastising Elvis Presley who, at that time was a comparative unknown to many. The campaign has apparently backfired however, since Presley is now the music world's top attraction in both Canada and the United States. Canadians aren't so ignorant that they must have the rights and wrongs pointed out to them verbally over the air. We have minds of our own and when the "facts" are made known we are able to arrive at our own opinions.

#### 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. Ontario school building since the war is open to question about its economy and efficiency."

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. Nine flights of stairs are admittedly too many to ask pupils and teachers to climb so big elevators have been installed. This school has been made to rise high primarily to have playing-field space.

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. This is very timely, because the present time of the year, with its picnics and touring automobile parties, is the time when this habit is most prevalent.

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. It also has a strong word of criticism for people who throw junk from their cars and trucks to litter the roadside. Extermination of the litterbug, it says, is just as important as the extermination of

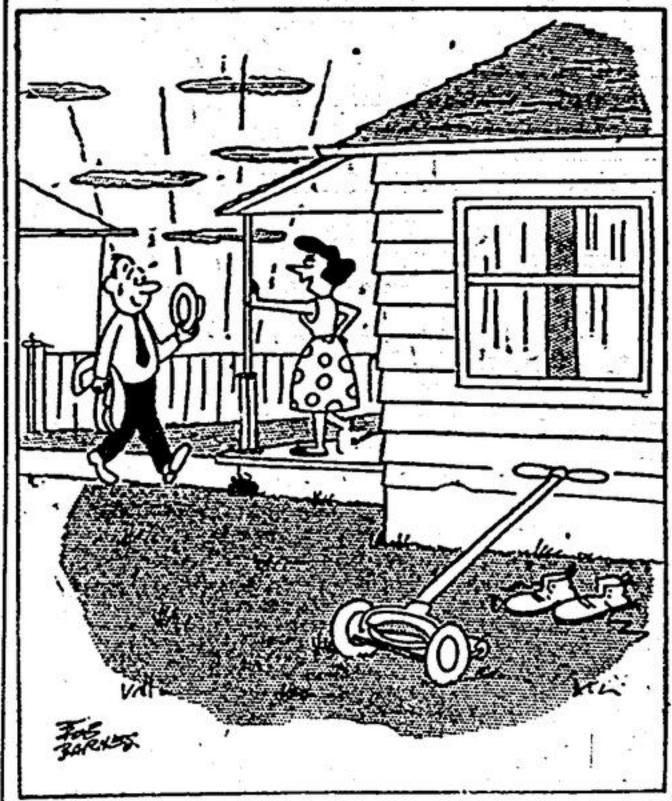
black flies and mosquitoes. The Sherbrooke Record, dealing with an allied subject, reminds us that there are litterbugs in the cities as well as among motorists using the highways. It says:

"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 httechng creates a situation that is annoying to the

### WEEK



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



#### 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. They probably ventured too near and a cake of ice on which they were standing broke off and they were hurried to their death. There was much publicity given to the incident and many letters from readers followed. I distinctly remember one letter, written by a man who said the reason for the disaster was obvious, these people were breaking the Sabbath and God showed His displeasure and hence the calamity followed. I did not care for that letter it sounded so smug and self-righteous. This man was doing, what so many of us do - trying to relate cause and effect.

DURING THE MINISTRY OF JESUS, some men were repairing the Tower of Silvan when the wall fell and several were killed. Some of their neighbours felt this was a mark of divine displeasure - they tried to link cause and effect - and Jesus made It clear he did not agree with such shallow reasoning.

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. Well-meaning people have often done much harm by stating emphatically why God permits things to happen. Over and over again when visiting bereaved people, I have heard someone say to them: "God took away your loved one because you loved him or her too much." It seems to me it is almost blasphemy to talk about God in such a way.

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. The attitude of the Psalmist Job was better: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

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. What I have previously written is not in scorn or derision. We are all very finite and we should be very careful in quickly relating cause and effect. Let us be patient, humble, and reverent. We are in the hands of God who is infinitely good and wise and "shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

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

### TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY



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 heather, and the thousands of black faced sheep feeding on colors of the nasturtiums and We glimpsed Loch Lomond and Loch Katrine and stopped long enough to clamber out and pick some heather.

scending through rugged moun- know we're from Canada. tain country on narrow winding roads, we passed into fine farmmeans but possibly when your his second year of office. history goes back over a thouabout speed. The jobs are done well, I can assure you.

stopped on the highway beneath the Firth of Forth bridge as trains thundered overhead every few minutes. Workmen are never done painting this giant steel span and start over as soon as they have finished.

In Edinburgh we had rooms at the North British Hotel, quite ornate but quite comfortable. The view from our window was wonderful, looking up Princess Street to the Walter Scott memorial and Edinburgh Castle high on the giant rock in the dis-

Our first evening in this renowned city we visited friends. The cobblestone streets were were most glad to welcome us stop for a picture. from Canada and had the elec-

people are great walkers and inback to the hotel.

a beautiful summer hotel high and late bus on the road. Even interview. in the rugged hills. The vivid our large hotel showed no outhotels are hives of activity.

After climbing and then de has something to ask when they an estimated 70 percent cover ble revelation. The first is, that

picture, with every so often a and Lady Banks, Lord Provost | Dr. Wilson said that between sized is its teleological character large estate house back among of the City of Edinburgh and 1945 and 1949, 60.2% of all -it is moving toward a goal. the trees. Potatoes too, are stepped forward to be acknowl- deaths from whooping cough The Bible keeps pointing us forgrown in considerable quantity. edged before these prominent occurred in children under five ward to a day of God, a day of Life moves much slower over figures. However, once the for months, and that 77% of the restitution, the Kingdom of God. here. I watched three men clean- malities were concluded, we en- total were in children under one Now both of these features ing the stone of an office build- joyed a fine luncheon and found year of age. ing in Edinburgh, by hand - chatting with Edinburgh counthey had a large part of the job cillors most entertaining. There must be immunized early in purpose of God, both soteric and done, but with their hand sys- are 72 members on this city life. They should be immunized teleological. By Him salvation tem it looked as if it would take council, elected for a three-year at three months of age, having comes to men, and by Him the years to finish it. Many opera- term. The Lord Provost is select- three doses at a month's interval Kingdom of God comes. His tions similar to this appear to ed for a similar term by the and a booster shot between six Cross is the great saving event, be done by slow and laborious | members and is knighted during | and twelve months later.

In the evening Mr. Roy Thomlisher and owner of the Edinburgh Scotsman, gathered more Although it was raining, we than a dozen Earls and Lords and their Ladies to meet us Canadians prior to dinner. Included in the group was Lord Stevenson, keeper of the Royal Purse, and a most entertaining gentleman with whom to chat. He told us that in addition to his Royal duties he engaged in the investment business.

We visited the Scotsman plant in the afternoon where a staff of 800 is engaged in publishing a morning and evening paper. Equipment is not the latest but workmanship is excellent.

In the morning it was the start of another 200 mile bus trip to Leeds. It was a thrill to see the North Sea of which one has wet but our taxi driver was ap- heard so many tales of famous parently used to this and we sea engagements. I spotted a careened around curves and up group of gypsies pulled up on and down steep grades with no | a sideroad with their colorful apparent caution. Our friends | wagons, but we hadn't time to

The courtesy of drivers on the tric hearth well warmed. There British highways is outstanding is no other heating. They told us and despite the traffic and narof the war years, marvelled at row roads I have yet to see so our answers to their questions much as a fender scratched. about Canada and gave us some | Everyone signals when passing real sandwiches for lunch, some- or to help you pass if visibility thing we had wanted for days is poor. We passed through after continual heavy meals in some of the country's most prohotels and on board ship. These ductive farm land and stopped

# For Parents Only

#### Our Heritage of Trees

By Nancy Cleaver

"Mummy, come with me and names. see the big maple at the end of the street!" Small Jimmie's eyes | collect and press leaves, while were bright with excitement, others gather twigs from differ-"It's got all red and yellow leaves last night! If you hurry, I | more observant. Sometimes a won't be late for school."

Mrs. Green left her breakfast lishes and went to see the magic on. But in the winter, when the which had taken place overnight. bare limbs against a sky are "I don't like my work being in- very beautiful, they do not know terrupted - but if I don't go, Jimmie will be disappointed, and | species. he's so small!" she thought.

know the various kinds. Learnnear your home. But on a hike do notice the different kinds of den. oaks, maples, birches. Can you tell a white oak from a red oak? a suger maple from a Manitoba maple? a Lombardy poplar from an aspen?

ent Tree Guides in your public ies! Children can find out the Apples," for orange or apple God, and the angel repudiates library. The inexpensive paper- age of a tree which has been juice. Leeds is part of the indus- it, assuming a place on a par covered book, "Forest Trees of chopped down, by the number trial Midlands, heavily bombed with John, and pointing to God Canada" (Dept. of Mines, Ot of annual rings in the cross-sec- in wartime but not too many as the sole object of worship. tawa) is well worth buying.

parks, little labels on the trees tage by fire each year is tragic. we passed numerous abandoned ther spoken through the interand have taken a look at one of Boys and girls are taught forest R.A.F. airfields, where nature preting angel or not, these are them and then said in disgust: conservation at school. Parents was slowly covering tarvia run- the words of Jesus Himself. Noworld can't they use English trip in their care with campfires. | gars were intact. Nearing Not- spring," signifying Christ's delty and be sensible?"

away with the confusion which of them." arises from the use of common

Scholars in some classrooms ent trees. This makes children boy or girl can recognize a tree quickly when it has its leaves the usual shape of the different

Photographing trees is an in- tors and combines bear the same a source of light. It may have Encourage your child to not teresting hobby. Making spatter- license plates as motor cars. A other functions as part of the only appreciate the beauty of prints with leaves is another car owner receives only one "new heaven." The saints have trees and their value, but to fascinating handcraft activity. plate over here, not a new one now come into their eternal roy-Blueprints of leaves, when de each year, and he merely re- alty. ing to identify all the trees in veloped properly, keep their ap- news his license. New drivers Verse 8-"I fell down to woryour area can form a fascinating pearance longer than pressed have a special "L" for Learner ship . . . " The majestic appearfamily project. You are likely leaves. The best pictures and fastened to the rear bumper, ance of the messenger, coupled familiar with the common trees prints can be mounted or framed Traffic seems to be more orderly with the overwhelming glory of and used to decorate a wall in a as one comes south from Scot- the message, so awed John that

The study of trees is an entic- quired of a policeman about worship the angel. ing hobby — the more you know crossing the street, he simply Verse 9-"I am thy fellowservthe more you want to know. Un- replied, "Anyplace, anytime you ant . . . worship God." While like the wild flowers, and many can make it." Morning tea yes- the word "worship" in verse 8 of the birds, our trees are with | terday was at Newark where I | is used also of reverence done to us all year round. There are so came across a new sign - man, it is evidently used here of You will discover some excell- many interesting tree discover- "Squashed Oranges and Liquid an act of homage due only to tion of the stump. .

It is in order to be sensible an appreciation of beauty, of Sherwood Forest in the distance humanity as son of David (Matt. that Latin is used for scientific growing things, trees and flow- stretching for some 20 miles. names. Every tree has a common ers and birds. In a family where | Lunch time was spent at Stam- the morning star" (A.S.V.), has name, likely several common a father and mother take time to ford, a quaint old village dating doubtless reference to His comnames - and different names in go for drives and walks with back to Norman times. One of ing again. ifferent parts of the country. their children, these youngsters the streets, complete with stores Verse 17—"And the Spirit and Instead of calling a certain tree will grow up with eyes open to was not over 12' wide. From the bride say, Come . . . Come a sugar or hard or rock maple the beauty of line and colour. Scotland, the Great North Road, . . . come . . . whosoever will." it is named "acer saccharum Why not express your gratitude highway A1 leads to London Do all the "comes" refer to the marsh." "Acer" is the genus or in a little prayer? Years ago, now embracing a million per- Gospel invitation, or do some group name and it signifies that Thomas Fuller pointed out - sons. As we entered the sub- of them refer to the Lord's rethis particular tree belongs to "Many favors God gives to us urbs, an air display was in prog- turn? See Topics for Developthe maple family, whereas the ravel out for want of hemming, ress at an outlying field, part of ment. second part of the name is the through our own unthankful- the Commemoration of the Bat- Verse 18-"If any man shall species name, telling to which ness; for though prayer pur- tle of Britain. member of the maple family this chases blessings, giving praise We walked around Piccadilly plagues . . ." A solemn warning tree belongs. This system does doth keep the quiet possession Square to-night and will get not to tamper with Holy Scrip-

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# Total Immunization Aim of Public Health

"Canada's record is as good as sisted on walking us part way any country's with regard to immunization, but it is still not Edinburgh for a city of a half | good enough. We won't rest million people, really closes up | contented until total immunizatight after 6 o'clock. There's not ition is achieved," stated Dr. R. the Scottish hills, purple with a drugstore open and snack bars J. Wilson, Associate Professor and small restaurants as we of Public Health and Preventive know them are non-existent. Medicine in the School of Hythe slopes. Near noon we stop Midnight saw very few on the giene, University of Toronto, in ped for tea at Buchanan Arms, streets and only the odd taxi a National Immunization Week

"There are still children in side lights and the lobby was this country who are not immundahlias is beyond description practically deserted at an hour ized. While this situation exists, when we well know Toronto the danger of epidemics is still with us." He pointed out that, Service in stores is slow but despite widespread public health Christian faith which stand out most courteous and everyone measures in effect, there is only very prominently in all the Bi-

While it is indeed an honour, early part of life. Take for in the Bible we see God moving out ing land near Sterling. To me it can also be uncomfortable stance the matter of whooping toward men with purpose to this is still one of the greatest for an Ontario rural newspaper cough. This disease is caused by save them. For the Bible regards revelations of the trip. - the publisher to meet some of Brit- bacteria which affect the mucous men as lost-sinners condemned amount of fine open farm coun- ain's "blue bloods". Along with membranes of the bronchi of under the righteous judgment try with grain stooks so close my wife I had this experience the lungs. A tiny child is not of God and incapable of reone could scarcely drive a wag- for the second time when we sufficently strong to cough this deeming themselves. on between them. The stone cot- were announced before the Rt. mucous up, and the throat pas- The other feature of Christages along the roadside are a Hon. Sir John G. Banks, C.B.E. sages are very small as well." | tlanity which is strongly empha-

should receive another booster these aspects of Christianity apsand years, you don't worry pson, millionaire Canadian pub, at the age of three, and another pear in the last chapter of Revat six years. This is a precau- elation. Here Jesus is seen as the tionary measure to take care of Lamb, mediating salvation by those odd persons whose immun- His suffering and death, and He ity may wear off a bit unless is seen as the Coming. One, fortified by the booster.

child in Canada to go unprotect- the ultimate triumph. He is "Aled by immunization," he contin- pha and Omega, the beginning ued. "Every province, including and the end, the first and the the Northwest Territories, has last". John was understandably public health services where par- but wrongly moved to worship ents may have their children im-, the angel who showed him these munized free of charge. Wher- things. Surely we ought to be ever there is a school service, moved to worship Him by whom there is a health service as well. all these things are accomplish-

Large urban centres, as well ed! 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 Gov-

hardly any diphtheria, and whoo- healing of the nations." The ping cough is declining. What phrase, "in the midst of the we would like to achieve is a street of it," properly belongs lowering of the general inci- to verse 1, indicating the location dence of disease throughout Can- of the river. In Eden the tree ada, in order to achieve the same of life was a single tree (Gen. results as we did in the case of 2:9; 3:22, 24), but here it seems diphtheria—that is, to eliminate to be a "species" growing on carriers of disease, thus elimin both sides of the river. The ating the risk of exposure to dis- healing attributed to the leaves ease in the first place."

dian parents to have their children immunized during National Immunization Week, sponsored by the Health League of Canada, when it is still fresh in their Lamb . . . his servants shall minds.

something laid away for a rainy gaged in the service of priests,

with himself.

tween a person and his con- and likeness. science is also fixed.

for lunch at Newcastle on Tyne. say that there is no sun, but All farm vehicles such as trac- simply that it is not needed as signs of devastation remain.

"Oh! that is Latin. Why in the should set a good example on a ways with grass and only han-tice the phrase, "root and off-They should also encourage tingham, there is Robin Hood's as source of all being, and His

nest to-morrow.

### Sunday School Lesson

THE GREAT INVITATION (Lesson for September 30)

Mark 10:13-16; 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

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

life freely.—Rev. 22:17.

Approach to the Lesson

There are two features of the Christianity is soteric-it is a "The big hazard is during the way of salvation. Through all

center in the Lord Jesus Christ. "It is evident that all children He is the Mediator of the whole and His coming again is the To achieve the ideal, children great eschatological event. Both bringing the new Heaven and "There is no need for any the new earth, the holy city and

> 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

· Verse 2-"In the midst of the street . . . the tree of life . . . Today, there is no smallpox, fruit every month . . . for the does not necessarily imply sick-Dr. Wilson urged all Cana- ness, but may signify preservation from sickness. Compare

Ezekiel 47:12. Verse 3-"... no more curse: but the throne of God and of the serve him." For the "curse", see Genesis 3:17-19. Notice the association of "God and the Lamb" Grandpa may have been a on the throne. The servants are tightwad but he always had bondslaves, but they are en-

not of slaves. Verse 4-"And they shall see The reason a person never his face ... his name . . . in speaks ill of himself and really their foreheads." See 1 Peter means it is that he has to live 1:8; 1 Corinthians 13:12. For the name in the forehead compare 7:3. The name in the fore-Many a wrestling match be- head signifies both ownership

> Verse 5-". . . no night . . . no candle, neither . . . sun . . . they shall reign." This does not

land. In Edinburgh when I en- for the second time he went to

Verse 16-"I am the root and Perhaps you have noticed in The loss of our forest heri- Moving on to London today the offspring of David." Whe-1:1). The phrase, "the bright,

add . . . God shall add . . . the down to seeing London in ear-ture, and particularly this por-(Continued on page 4)

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