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Editorials

More Workers Than Ever

We don't know from where some citizens get their information and ideas but several months ago, this past April to be more exact, we overheard a fellow talking about "all the unemployed." We were therefore quite relieved this past week to read that it wasn't quite as bad as it sounded, now that we look back on it.

According to the best information obtainable in Canada by June of this year practically every able-bodied Canadian had a job. Fewer persons were unemployed this summer than 10 years ago — although the labor force is greater by a full million workers. Twenty years ago, when the labor force was even smaller and \$20 a week was a good wage, only 87 out of every 100 persons had a job.

Canadians have thus attained a level of employment once considered impossible.

Day and Night Protection

Ask any young boy the familiar question—What are you going to be when you grow up?—and nine chances out of ten he'll quickly reply a fireman. To a young lad, there's something thrilling about a red fire truck, a screeching siren and a water-spouting hose. The ambitions of the average boy are never realized however, not because the brigade in his town is over-staffed but because the roaring engine, the siren and the spouting hose loses much of its appeal when the wide-eyed youngster becomes a man. The fireman's job is an arduous task, performed in Stouffville by volunteers who are on 24-hour call to protect your home and mine. Nothing stands in their way, neither the weather, the time nor their jobs. Perhaps we, as back-seat observers do not fully appreciate the service that these men render to us. How would we feel at night if there were no volunteer firemen available to answer an emergency call? Many of us would be unable to sleep for fear that the worst might happen. These men are our guardians — protectors of our homes, our families, our all. The next time you see the red truck race along the main street with its rubber-coated volunteers clinging to the side, remember, some day they might be responsible for saving your home or mine. Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7th to 13th was marked only recently. I wonder how many of our readers know the names of the members of our efficient Stouffville Brigade. In case you're in doubt, they are as follows: Wm. Malloy, Chief; Don Lehman, Deputy-Chief; Garfield Brown, Fred Crossen, Fred Castle, Elmer Daniels, Don Doner, Lloyd Jennings, Del Jennings, Walt Smith, Everett Smith; Harry Stover, Bert Tait, Daws Wagg, Elgin Wagg and Lloyd Weldon.

Weeds in Corners and Waste Places

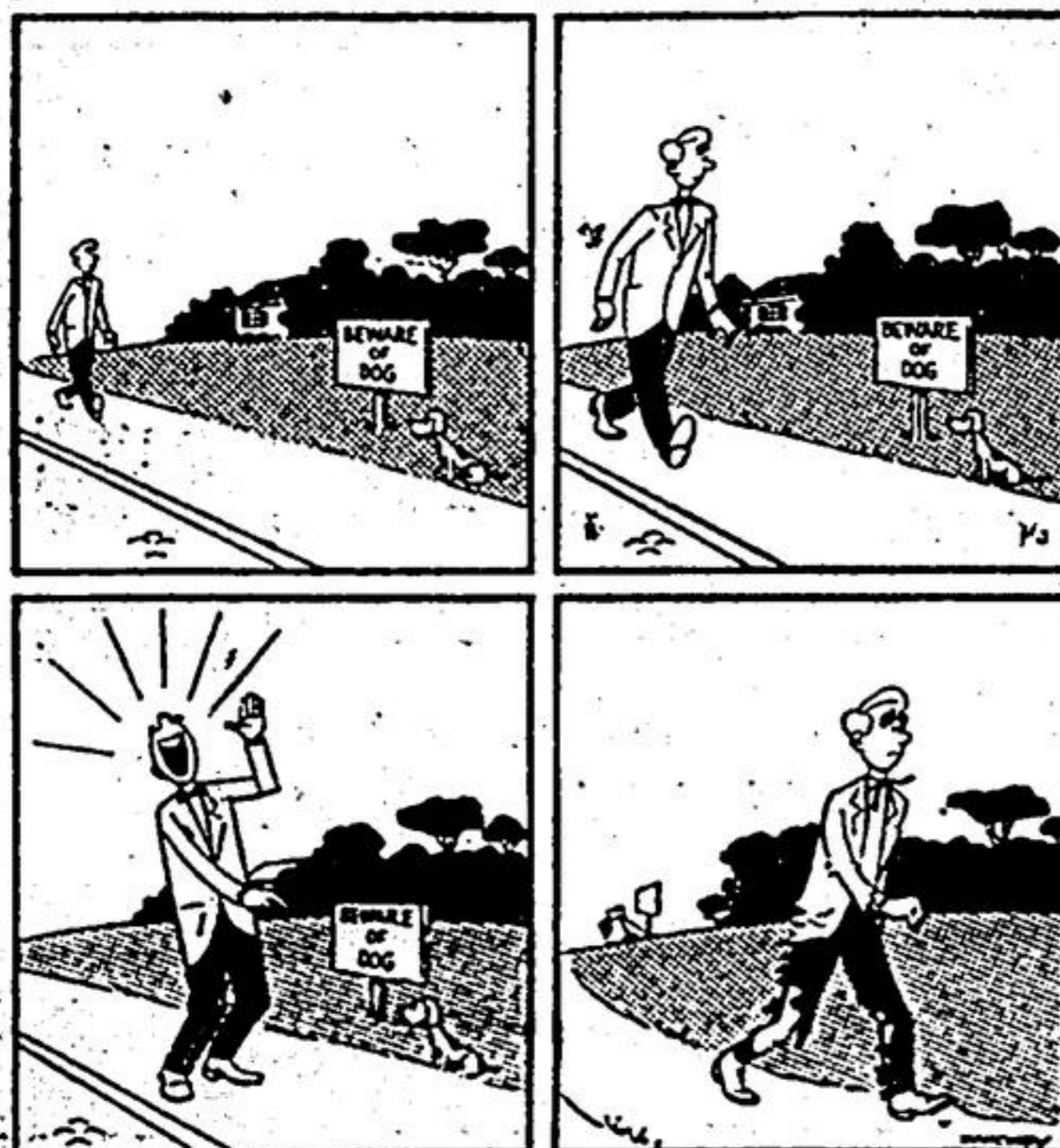
Weeds grow in profusion along fence rows, roadsides, driveways and other neglected areas. Being inconspicuous they often go unnoticed, and after a few years they are frequently taken for granted. Many farms have small neglected areas, usually close to the farmstead, where weeds develop and spread to the fields when least expected. The corner of the field, the stony knoll, the small strip between the barn and the trees is frequently overlooked.

Farmers cannot expect to gain the benefits of cultural or chemical methods of weed control in the fields unless a concerted effort is made to prevent the growth and seeding of weeds in the uncultivated areas surrounding the farm. Weeds of all classes, annuals, biennials and perennials may be found in these non-cultivated areas, but as a rule the annuals predominate. This helps to simplify control because the weeds can be destroyed before they mature seed. But all too frequently weeds are mowed when in seed and left on the ground to dry. The seeds or even the entire plants are blown in great numbers to adjacent cultivated fields. It is incorrect to assume that if plants are mowed when in flower that all danger of seed production is past. Consequently early destruction is advisable if the production of weed seeds is to be prevented. On all uncropped areas where a tractor or cultivating implements may be used, clean cultivation with discs or plows usually gives the cheapest and most effective control.

Property owners sometimes seem indifferent to weeds and treat them carelessly, allowing seeds to develop and scatter at random. A little extra thought and labor will do much to prevent the growth and spread of weeds.

THE BAFFLES

By Mahoney



LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I wouldn't dare accept 'em with the wife not being here, Ed— You know how fussy she is about planning her meals..."



On Paying Compliments

ONE OF THE GREATEST PREACHERS of the Nineteenth Century was Dr. W. R. Dale of Birmingham, England. He once visited Australia and while preaching there said he thought it was a good thing for people to express their affection for those they loved. "If you love people," he declared, "don't be afraid to tell them so. It will be good for them and for yourself."

AN ACCOUNT OF THIS SERMON got back to England and at a great welcome-home meeting, which the Birmingham congregation gave Dr. Dale on his return, there was a large streamer across the hall with the words: "We love you and we tell you so." It was a nice thing for those people to do and it would be a happier world if more people took his advice. There must be millions of parched souls who thirst for love and sympathy.

A LOT OF MEN especially, are so afraid of being demonstrative with their affections that, quite unintentionally, they go to the other extreme. Thomas Carlyle was inclined to be a "dour" man — the opposite of sentimental, but after his mother's death this letter was found addressed to her by her famous son:

"My dear good mother: Let it ever be a comfort to you, however weak you are, that you did your part honourably and well while in strength, and were a noble mother to me and to us all. I am now myself grown old, and have had various things to do and suffer for so many years; but there is nothing I ever had to be so much thankful for as the mother I had. This is a truth which I know well, and perhaps this day again it may be some comfort to you. Yes, surely, for, if there has been good in the things I have uttered in the world's hearing, it was your voice essentially that was speaking through me; essentially what you and my brave father meant and taught me to mean, this was the purpose of all I spoke and wrote. And if in these few years that may remain to me I am to get any more written for the world, the essence of it, so far as it is worthy and good, will still be yours. May God reward you, my dearest mother, for all you have done for me! I never can."

IT IS SAID THAT when James Garfield was installed as President of the United States, he insisted that his aged mother should be present at the ceremony; when it was complete, in the presence of them all, he turned and kissed her withered cheek. If any man is tempted to set lightly by his father or his mother because his name has been set on high, let him remember James Garfield and Thomas Carlyle.

SIR JAMES BARRIE was a busy man and inclined to be somewhat brusque, yet his tenderness to his mother was apparent to all who knew him. In this respect he resembled Lord Haldane — a Chancellor of the Exchequer during the First World War — who wrote a letter to his mother every day for forty-seven years.

LACK OF APPRECIATION is lack of thought more than anything else. We all take so much for granted. The inventor, Morse, after his discovery of the telegraph said he had received endless criticism and ridicule but he could not recall any encouragement until after his invention was completed. It doesn't take much to make people happy but often the few gracious words, just don't come. A little praise is like oil in machinery; it keeps things running smoothly.

I REMEMBER ATTENDING A CHURCH many years ago when the sermon was followed by a beautiful solo. In announcing the closing hymn the minister said: "If I had heard that solo earlier, I could have preached a better sermon." It was a gracious tribute and made a fine impression. When a charming young lady visited Dean Hole, who had a passion for horticulture, he said: "Please come out into my garden, I want my roses to see you."

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by Dr. James Cuyler: "The man who doesn't appreciate a compliment hasn't been born."

"Dollars and Sense"

One of the best ways to encourage good sound sleep

Is to have a good sound bank balance. Regular savings can make life a lot pleasanter in a hundred and one other ways. You may want the down payment on a home of your own, a TV set or a car... perhaps the children's education is on your mind or a leisurely retirement someday. Whatever it is that you want or need, you have to learn the secret of putting something by regularly. Pay by pay you store away the money except in emergencies till you reach your savings goal—then you start saving for the next one. Why not open a Savings Account with us today?

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE

STOUFFVILLE BRANCH — V. H. ATKINSON, MANAGER CLAREMONT BRANCH — W. L. IRWIN, MANAGER

Publishers Visit Prince Rainier's Palace in Monaco

By C. H. Nolan Our accommodation on second train trip, this time, Rome to Nice, was much better. The last couple of weeks have been the occasion for the annual Grape Festival and the crowds that tried to board the train at every stop were unbelievable. There are no baggage cars on the Italian trains and we had about 150 bags piled in the narrow aisle which runs down one side of each coach. When we went to the diner, several had to stand guard or the seats would be filled when you got back. Many stood and even occupied the washrooms to get a seat. The train was so crowded, at some stops people were left standing on the platform. The policy is to squeeze on all you can, just like streetcars.

We boarded the train in Rome at 6:30 a.m. and streets were crowded even at this early hour. One of the main stops was Genoa, chief ocean port for Italian liners and from where Andrea Doria left on his fateful voyage. We could see several liners berthed as the train pulled out. The railway tunneling is a master engineering feat, some of them running miles through mountains. Olive orchards, grapes and fig trees are everywhere along the way. Towns are cleaner and buildings better as one goes north. It was good to get back on our busses just inside the Italian border and cross over into France. The coaches are not permitted to enter France empty, so we got off a little before getting to Nice.

The French Riviera is truly the Florida of the Continent with miles of hotels and bathing beaches. This part of the country gave us a much better impression than our short trip through into Belgium.

We motored out a few miles to Grasse, world perfume centre and visited one of the plants. It requires a half ton of flowers to make a half-pint of perfume essence and there are acres of flowers everywhere, carnations in particular. The first crop comes off in January. Perfumes are made using a fat base, the fat itself later being made into soap. The place had a most delightful odour as you can imagine, and we got some nice samples to bring home. Driving back we came through Cannes, where Aly Khan resides, enjoyed its beautiful homes, palms, flowers and the airport that really bustled for the Grace Kelly wedding. Cannes harbour is jammed with millionaire yachts. Out a short distance was anchored a U.S. aircraft carrier and several destroyers. The U.S. Mediterranean fleet is deployed all along this coast since the Suez trouble.

We were given a special inside look at the Palace in Monaco, stood in the room where the famous wedding was solemnized and saw the private apartments. The Castle is cold and sombre looking and none of us thought the American Actress was getting any bargain as far as the house was concerned. The Prince's yacht was anchored in the tiny harbour. The Castle is high on a rock overlooking the entire kingdom. Palace guards and local police have their distinctive colorful uniforms.

Following the visit to the Monaco Palace, the group was entertained at a reception by the local Tourist Association and a visit to Monte Carlo. Nice is principally a tourist city with big hotels, broad parks, illuminated at night, and a wide promenade overlooking the beach. The beach was not much of a beach in our estimation as it was entirely stone where the men and girls in scanty bathing suits could do little more than sun themselves. However, I'm told Europeans are used to pebble, not sand beaches. Stores are quite expensive. The ladies with their French poodles are interesting to watch. Many of the dogs wear blankets and even rubbers and one lady wearing a plaid stoll had a small matching plaid outfit over her dog's hind quarters. Dogs are really featured — a local pet shop located on a corner had a canine drinking fountain built into the corner of the building with a sign above, reading "Dog Bar".

Nice is very clean. Fresh water is running along the curbs of principal streets all day long, from which you can wash your car, your windows, etc. — consequently gutters are never littered. The Scotch Tea House is a favourite haunt of American, Canadian and English tourists. You can have pancakes, tea, coffee and real honest-to-goodness buttered toast as well as other familiar dishes.

Being the perfume and flower centre, an entire market is given over to selling flowers exclusively. The colors are gorgeous, so very vivid. However, despite some of the lush surroundings, there are a good many streets where it would be unwise for a tourist to wander after dark, particularly alone. Passing the Rhuil Hotel late one night, a hotel bar waiter had just given a tramp the heave-ho when our party came along the street. The chap thrown out picked himself up off the sidewalk and whipped out a wicked looking knife. The waiter grabbed a chair, but the outcast only glared and finally ambled off. Such an incident is not too common on our side of the water and to say the least shook the

party up for a few minutes. We went by train to Paris, an all-day trip. The French have made a real effort to modernize their trains and have done well. A steam locomotive pulled our 13-car train to Lyon and then the line is electrified and we really flew despite the long train. Toulon, site of the scuttling of the French Fleet in the last war, is not far from Nice, and a number of French men-of-war were anchored in the harbour.

It was interesting to meet a New Zealander and his wife on the train, a car dealer on his way to the Paris Motor Show. They had travelled via the Panama Canal and said the heat was killing. French trains are also quite crowded but nothing like the Italian line, and they do carry baggage cars.

A game warden says a gun should be loaded with caution. With many people that would be safer than shells.

Neglected Heating Plant is a Fire Hazard

Check your heating plant for possible sources of fire hazard, says the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating. Each year hundreds of lives are lost and millions of dollars worth of property destroyed through carelessness and neglect on the part of home owners. The heating plant in every home has a myriad of potential danger points. If not given proper and regular attention, and this is particularly true, the Institute points out, in any heating system which is more than five years old.

Many an otherwise careful and meticulous "head of the family" will overlook some of the little things comprising the facilities by which his family is kept warm and comfortable throughout the cold months. And it is largely to remind these usually thoughtful people that too great care can never be taken.

Every home owner, if he has not already done so, should check the possible danger points before the season of heaviest use of the heating facilities arrives. Where necessary, or wherever the slightest doubt exists, a qualified plumbing and heating contractor should be called in to make an inspection and whatever repairs or maintenance work is called for.

A thorough check of all equipment is recommended each fall. If this is not to be done by a professional, the Institute offers a few tips to home owners on the most important things to be seen to.

One of the most common causes of home fires is the chimney, yet statistics show that a high percentage of fires in dwellings originate through faulty and neglected chimneys. If coal is the fuel used, the chimney steadily builds up a layer of

soot. When the chimney "bursts out," the soot catches fire, sending out a shower of sparks — so fall on the roof. If the roof is of combustible material, especially after a long dry period, the whole house may easily catch on fire. The best way to guard against this is to have the chimney thoroughly cleaned periodically.

In addition, home owners should have the heating plant cleaned. This means cleaning all soot and fly ash from heating surfaces. Good house-keeping around the heating plant is important. Too often the heater room is a repository for rubbish and waste paper, all of which constitute a fire hazard. Oily rags are particularly dangerous. If coal is used, have a covered container of adequate size for depositing ash and cinders. The heating plant should be inspected for leaks in fire- and flue-cleaning doors. Damper doors, draft doors, and chains and pulleys should work smoothly.

If you have a warm air heating system, be sure the filters are clean. Replace or clean dirty filters. Check insulation on warm air ducts. Never use kerosene to start or quicken fires; don't search for or attempt to repair any gas leaks — call the gas company; don't force or overheat your furnace or boiler in cold weather; and don't start a fire in a hot water or steam boiler on the first cool day without making sure that it is full of water.

In older homes there comes a time, of course, when an old and obsolete furnace will no longer be kept in safe condition by the usual care. The day arrives when safety can no longer be guaranteed and what is also important, efficient heating has become impossible. Many home owners are finding, on the advice of their heating contractors, that when this stage is reached, a new heating plant is not only the only solution to complete comfort and safety, but that the saving made in fuel will often pay the moderate original cost in three or four seasons.

Farmers who store grain in bins should make sure the bins have been thoroughly cleaned first. Old grain, trash, feed sacks and other objects furnish living quarters for insects which destroy thousands of bushels of farm-stored grain yearly.

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From our EARLY FILES

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The Stouffville grain market is moving fairly lively now, although when a few mild days set in, there is a noticeable absence of farmers' wagons on the road, as the opportunity is seized upon to do other farm work. Alsike is ranging in price from \$10 to \$16 per bushel; wheat is bringing the farmer \$1.25 to \$1.27; barley 60 to 65c and oats 50c to 55c.

There are 170 pupils on the roll at Stouffville Public School, according to the report of Principal C. Watson, which was read before the regular meeting of the School Board on Friday evening. Principal Stouffer of the High School reports 71 pupils on the Continuation School register. On a basis of last year's expenditure it will cost the Corporation of Stouffville and the Union sections of Markham and Whitchurch, slightly less than \$25 per pupil to educate these 71 students this term, exclusive of all grants received.

Mrs. Lloyd Turner won third prize at Markham Fair for best collection of pastry made from Reesor's Snowflake Flour. Pickering Township Council is offering a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the conviction of chicken thieves within the Township. The farmers of the Township have lost many hundreds of dollars worth of fowl so far this year.

July the first next is the sixtieth anniversary of Confederation and the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Stouffville, which should be a fitting time to celebrate. The neighboring town of Uxbridge is calling a meeting this week for the purpose of organizing for a reunion of old boys to be held in June.

Now that the duck season is open, the quacks are having a lively time. Quite a number are seen on the local ponds and lakes. Out at Altona, Wm. McNair shot a nice specimen of wild goose last week, and several flocks of ducks have dropped on the mill pond there and spent a few hours resting in their mad flight across country.

Those who arose before noon on Monday from their night's rest, were astonished to see the white mantle of snow covering the ground. It was the first appearance of winter garb since last spring, although there have been some very heavy frosts.

On Tuesday Dr. Neill Smith was able to sit up for the first time since his illness of the past three weeks; during which time he suffered a high fever and a general breakdown following his illness in Rochester several months previous.

One day last week Chas. Atkinson shot an eagle on his farm near Bethesda. Mr. Atkinson splied the bird, and with his gun stealthily got within range. The eagle proved to be a monster of its type, measuring 7 feet from tip to tip of the wings. It weighed eleven pounds and no doubt had been living well on poultry which was an easy prey in that locality.

No other spot in the province drew so many prizes as the local district at the International Flowering Match on the historic grounds of Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls. Mr. D. J. Tran of Pickering Township and president of the North York Flowering Match, came fifth in first class in sod with horses. Floyd Steckley won the \$50 trophy as first prize in second class sod, as well as winning fourth in stubble.

Lloyd Turner further added to his collection of silverware won in previous matches by carrying off first with jointer plow in sod, the prize being a handsome cup valued at \$50. Norman Steckley won third with tractor in stubble and was the winner in this class for boys under 26 years of age. Fred Nicely brought home fourth money in the tractor class in sod and Gordon Holden won 5th. Turnips are being shipped again this week from Stouffville station by the U.F.O. Co-operative, at prices ranging from 28c and 30c per bushel. There is a big variation in the potato market throughout the county. Farmers were paying up to \$1.60 per bag at Uxbridge last week while over in Orangeville they were being bought at from 75c to 90c a bag.

For Parents Only

Prepare for Hallowe'en

By Nancy Cleaver

"The scarlet of the maples can shake me like a cry of bugles going by," wrote Bliss Carman in his "Vagabond Song," while Joyce Kilmer once made this comment: "Main Street ordered with Autumn leaves, it was a pleasant sight."

As soon as the leaves begin to turn color, in countless homes small children are asking: "When will Hallowe'en be here?" This festival is not such a special day as Christmas or a birthday, but in the eyes of boys and girls it is very important.

Like Christmas, it may be traced to a religious origin, although its special significance has been almost lost with the passing of time. The ancient Romans and the Druids in Britain centuries ago, had an Autumn festival which had some likeness to Hallowe'en.

Then in the Middle Ages the Brits believed that the spirits of the dead returned to this earth and visited their homes at this time. The word "hallow" means "holy" and "All Hallowe'en" was the holy or sacred night of this festival.

Witches and spirits don't cut a very big figure in our land except on October 31st. Perhaps it is just as well. Threatening a child with a "Boogie Man" or "an old witch" who will "get you" is a pretty poor way to make him behave. The motive of strong fear controlling behaviour may have a bad effect not only on the child's nervous system today, but on the mental health of the adult tomorrow.

Families can have a lot of fun getting ready for Hallowe'en. Carving a Jack O'Lantern gives children pleasure far exceeding its cost. Care must be taken that the candle inside the lantern can not set fire to clothing or curtains. If a child is carrying a small lighted pumpkin, it is just as well to substitute a flashlight for a candle in the interests of safety.

A large sheet of paper and stored chalk, crayons or paints, or a blackboard and colored chalk are excellent play material. Let your child draw his own Hallowe'en scene without interruptions or suggestions from you. The picture of the young artist may be rather weird in

the effect, but the important thing is not the finished product but the good time the child has had carrying out this activity. Dressing up and visiting neighbors and friends' homes on Hallowe'en after dark is a custom followed by boys and girls in most communities. Children love to dress up. Here is an occasion when even grownups can enter into the fun of impromptu dramatics.

A new kind of Hallowe'en is being celebrated in an increasing number of Canadian communities each year, where a "Shell Out!" for UNICEF project is being carried out. Instead of asking for a treat of candy, nuts or fruit for themselves on the evening of October 31st, boys and girls dress up and collect money for the United Nations Children's Fund. Our two daughters, Rosemary and Nancy, were proud and happy to help in this activity in Peterborough and as a parent I warmly commend this idea. Further information will be supplied to interested individuals by UNICEF provincial representatives or by the Canadian UNICEF Executive Secretary, Miss Mary P. Carter, Room 4, 113 George St., Toronto 5, Ont.

Since it began its work in 1947 UNICEF has helped children and mothers in one hundred territories and countries. Areas where assistance has been given have matched the value of money gifts to UNICEF with local goods and services. It is wonderful to know that among a wide variety of vital services, 120 plants for milk drying and pasteurizing have been equipped; over 43 million children have been vaccinated against TB with BGG; transport and insecticide have been provided to protect over five million people from malaria in Kenya. When mother sees what for the children have getting into their Hallowe'en outfits she may resolve to keep a Costume Box for just such occasions. This is a marvellous resource for rainy day occupation and a great help to amateur dramatics. The too, if the contents of a Costume Box are added to from time to time, why dressing up Junior on October 31 wouldn't be such a chore! (Copyright)