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Thanksgiving Before Meals

The Ontario Hotel Association is to be commended for a movement to induce people to indulge in "thanksgiving before meals" served in hotels. It has sponsored a small card to be placed on hotel dining room tables, with appropriate prayer of thanksgiving for people of all faiths and creeds.

In this age of materialism, when leaders of all religious faiths are urging more attention to spiritual matters and the use of family prayers, the placing of these cards on hotel dining tables is a step that is bound to meet with public approval. On the simple little card, placed in the centre of the dining table, are prayers of thanksgiving to suit Protestants, Roman Catholics and Hebrews. They are as follows:

For Roman Catholics: "Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ our Lord, Amen."

For Protestants: "Bless, O Lord, this food to our use and us to Thy service and make us ever mindful of the needs of others, in Jesus' name. Amen."

For Hebrews: "Lift up your hands toward the sanctuary and bless the Lord. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, who bringest forth bread from the earth. Amen:"

Only a brief inscription, "Ontario Hotel Association" appears at the bottom of the card. Already hotel keepers are commenting on the fact that frequent use is being made of the card by their patrons. And if they do not use the words printed on the card, patrons will often repeat the grace they may have learned in childhood.

The Ontario Hotel Association is certainly to be commended for this recognition of spiritual things, and its action is sure to meet with public favor.

News of Court Activities Must Be Given To Public

We whole-heartedly agree with the comment of the Exeter Times-Advocate in last week's issue which contends that the public must be informed of activities in our courts. One of the recommendations coming recently from a meeting of Ontario magistrates was, that to reduce the mounting traffic toll, "newspapers give more publicity to traffic courts, printing the names; addresses and fines of convicted drivers."

The Exeter paper in commenting had this to say: Reporting of court news has always been a subject of controversy, even among newspaper editors. Some papers publish the convictions; others ignore court proceedings entirely: it's a decision which rests with the individual publisher.

The Times-Advocate's policy has not been popular with some readers. They feel that members of the convicted person's family suffer unjustly when the name appears in the paper. Some also agree that it may encourage, rather than discourage, crime and that the notoriety of the offence may drive the guilty

person to worse deeds. Offenders, of course, resent the reporting of their convictions in court and some attempt every means to keep their names from being published. We have been told some fantastic sob stories by those who have played upon our sympathy to keep their deeds out of the paper. We've been offered bribes, and threatened,

Our reply to those who criticize our policy is that the system of justice in this country is a democratic institution and that it must be jealously guarded by a well-informed public in order to operate efficiently

and fairly. Fundamentally, the court is established and operated by the people to see that the laws enacted by their representatives are observed. Penalties administered to offenders are perhaps the most important part of this task.

If the public-is not informed of the activities of its court, the system of justice will falter in the same manner that democracy dies when its press is strangled.

It is true, unfortunately, that others suffer when the conviction of an offender is published. The onus for that suffering, however, lies with the offender, not the newspaper.

In The Editor's Mail —

Editor, The Tribune,

Dear Sir: vehicles on the highways of Canautomotive production was re- Canadian Line; well described gradually adopt. sumed after World War II" by one of the Democratic speakmade interesting reading.

sales of new motor vehicles rose "An island of hard times in a from 120,000 vehicles in 1946 to 466,000 in 1955, reminded this reader of the link between purchasing power of the masses and prosperity in town and countryside. As you phrased it one time, "we are all brethrenalso customers, one of another."

If this latter be the yardstick for calipering what the farmer gets today for his bushel of wheat, (I'm'told that the initial payment of the wheat board basis lakehead terminals, is today \$1.45) the above realistic formula certainly makes that 60pounds of quality wheat look

quite modest. In terms of buying power, therefore, it would appear that our motor vehicles and our 'dollars' are moving in opposite directions; i.e., the so-called 'long green' is getting shorter and shorter as the cars lengthen. I am not surprised that the farpays more and more for the time ich.

Somehow, the fact that annual dress at Springfield, Ill., thus:

sea of urban prosperity." My \$64-billion question is: "How long can this last?"

High School News

By Dianne Corbett On Wednesday, October 23, Stouffville suffered another defeat against Markham. The score

was 36 · 0. Our Masquerade Party was Friday, October 26. Although the attendance could have been higher, those who were present had a wonderful time. Records were given to the best dressed girl and boy, who were Pat Barry and Fred Abraham.

An Exhibition Football Game was played against Richmond Hill on Monday, October 29.

OF THE WEEK



"Which category would you like for your quizwine; women or song?"



They Seldom Happen

IT IS AN OLD SAYING that the worst troubles are baseless and seldom happen. Most of us can remember things about which we fretted and perhaps lost sleep but we have lived long enough to laugh at ourselves for our folly. In any circumstance, the sensible thing is to do our best - making sure it is our best and leave the rest. We cannot carry today's load and tomorrow's with the strength of today. Actually when we worry uselessly, we make ourselves unfit to carry the burden about which we are apprehensive.

YEARS AGO I knew a lad in the north of England who had to journey to London for an exam. He worried so much that when he entered the testing room, he became ill and after a few minutes had to leave and was not allowed to return. That was a lesson I never forgot.

It is often said that, next to the Bible, Pilgrim's Progress is the most widely read book in the world. Anyone who has read it will remember such interesting places as the City of Destruction, the Slough of Despond, the Hill Difficulty, the Valley of Humiliation, Doubting Castle, and many other places which Christian saw in his pilgrimage.

Some of these were beautiful; others were ugly and dangerous. One of the Loveliest of them all was the Palace Beautiful. On his way there Christian saw two men running to meet him, and they were terribly afraid. One man was named Timorous and the other Mistrust. Christian could not understand why anyone should be running back on the way he had come, so he said to them, "What is the matter? You are running the wrong way!"

TIMOROUS TOLD HIM that they were pilgrims to the City of Zion but that they were constantly meeting great dangers. Then-Mistrust said, "And just before us lie a couple of lions, and we could not think but that, if we came within reach, they would presently pull us to pieces."

CHRISTIAN WAS HIMSELF ALARMED at this news and for a minute was disposed to join them in their flight, but he reflected upon all the perils he had met and overcome, and he decided to press on to the Celestial City. He too saw the lions before the Palace Beautiful, and they roared savagely, but the porter told him that they were chained and could not do him any harm. He clapped his hands and went on until he stood before the gate where the porter was, and he was soon admitted.

Thus he knew, as many others have learned, that for many people the greatest troubles never happen. The savage-looking lions are harmless.

In Acrs 13, there is a story of the deliverance of Peter from prison. As he and his angelic deliverer hurried through the city, Peter remembered the iron gates that led into the city and was concerned about them, but here is what happened. -"When they approached the iron gates, they opened of their own accord." There is truth in that story for us all. There are many iron gates about which we worry but they open of their own accord when we come to them.

OUR QUOTATION TODAY is by President F. D. Roosevelt. "The 'thing we have most to fear is fear itself."



For Parents Only

Learning Truthfulness

By Nancy Cleaver

All good parents are eager to system may apparently work for tion's income. I don't know whe- Canadian cities. Many of her en suffering for truth's sake. Your editorial showing that ther we are entitled to a New suggestions were thought-pro-

ers (Adlai Stevenson) in an ad- children will make mistakes. ents. Too high standards in hon-Both parents and children may esty lead to difficulties. suffer much unnecessary shame | One outstanding illustration of story. and unhappiness. This can be this was the case history of a avoided if parents remember little boy who was the only that it is a learning process and child of strict parents. They -RURAL JOE if they know what can be ex- loved him but never showed him pected of children at different any signs of warm affection. ages. But in addition, it is wise His father was the caretaker of to put the emphasis on teaching a large apartment house and the child to love the truth rather often came into conflict with the

than on telling the truth. pline. A child who fears extreme old crab" and often ridiculed his punishment, is sorely tempted parent in front of him. to lie in order to avoid the con-

thinks he will not be caught.

mer finds it tough going, as he PETTING: A popular park who "lesses up," and punishing there was money from the milk whose word is as good as his heavily if he deceives them. This fund in the teacher's desk. By bond.

bring up honest children and a time, but there is a wiser teachers too wish to encourage method. A child can be helped Toronto, Oct. 26, things he must buy to remain of lying with a psychiatrist who but in the long run it pays. He in production, while he gets less is employed by the Board of-Ed- who loves the truth can bear than his fair slice of the na- ucation in one of our largest temporary inconvenience or ev-Parents must also be careful

"there are more than two and Deal, but undeniably today's voking. It was pointed out to us that their standards of behavone-half times as many motor prosperity has passed us by. We in this interview that truthful- jour are within the reach of the are apparently in the same ness is a habit which a child child at each stage of his growth ada today than there were when plight on both sides of the U.S.- must learn, an attitude he must and then he will not be tempted to lie from fear of punishment, In this learning process many or fear of disappointing his par-

> children of the district. The boy It is important that parents was very unhappy because these helped his progress toward avoid an over-severe home disci- youngsters called his father "an

When this situation became and hopeless failure are bad sequence of his misdeed, if he unbearable. Tom reacted by medicine for normal children. searching for some way to get. They are absolutely poisonous A very bright twelve-year-old his companions' favor. He knew for the unhappy child who is said "I learned long ago that it his popularity as "the old crab's failing to solve his problems in is crazy to steal, but it seems to son" was at a low ebb. Most of a wholesome way! Parents want me that it is crazy to tell the his chums had spending money, their child to learn to tell the truth - I get into more trouble but Tom's allowance was equal- truth, but they should make this when I tell the truth than when ly divided into one half for Sun- learning as easy and as satisfyday School collection and one ing as possible. If a child is en-Some parents try to encour- half which must be saved. Un- couraged to love and respect age truthfulness by punishing like his friends, he had no mon- truth, he will in all probability lightly or not at all the child ey to buy "treats" but he knew grow into a trustworthy adult

Set Up Mutual Aid Plan For County Firefighters Local fire brigades and muni- equipment in some townships cipal officials were represented was township owned, while othat the meeting called by the ers were the property of police

Ontario Fire Marshall in regard, villages selling fire protection to to the establishment of Mutual a given fire area. Aid held in the Aurora Fire Hall "In King Township," explainon Wednesday evening, October ed King City Fire Chief David 17. Attending from King City Glass, "Police Villages of Schomwere Fire Commissioner W. berg and King City and the town cializing in Farm Stock, Furni-

was for the presentation of tentative plans for the establish. ship and supported by taxation." ment of an organized Mutual Aid system for the County of York outside the Metro Area and fire department of one town or the opportunity for the brigades concerned to discuss together departments of other towns or the pros and cons of such an ar- villages without charge in rerangement.

Captain Donald McCallum.

The Fire Marshall in addressing the gathering stated that many Ontario Counties are now highly organized under Mutual Aid, whereby all. Fire Brigades, while retaining their own individuality and control under nor mal conditions can, if assistance be required, call on neighboring fire departments through a chief co-ordinator. The assisting brigade's fire area would in turn be automatically covered by a third neighboring department. Such an arrangement would mean that no fire area would be left without fire fighting apparatus or a brigade to man it.

Under organized Mutual Aid, obstacles are surmounted, such as liability to equipment and fire truck leaving its own municipality. There is no delay in the chief co-ordinator dispatching a fire brigade from one village to another or from one township ator. to another. At first this caused some concern to department officials as it was explained that

Barker, Chief David Glass and of Aurora, sell fire protection to ture, and Property Sales. All the township, while in our neigh-The purpose of the meeting bouring township of Vaughan, equipment is owned by the town-

> In reply, the fire marshall stated that under the plan the village gives assistance to the spect to fires occurring in these centres. Fires occurring outside the villages owning equipment | would be treated the same as they are now."

Under an organized system, Farm Stock, Implements, House-King City or Fire Area No. 2 would receive assistance from 1st Maple, 2nd Aurora, and 3rd Richmond Hill. The situation of the fire occurring in the King City Area would determine the first department to be called. Remaining brigades would automatically cover up for the assisting department.

Fire Departments represented were Woodbridge, Maple, Richmond Hill, Schomberg, King York C'ty, Uxbridge & Pickering City, Aurora, Newmarket, Queensville, Mt. Albert, Holland Landing, and Stouffville. Coordinating Fire Chief James Davidson of Vaughan was presented with a crest by the fire marshall and appointed as co-ordin-

Fire Chiefs were asked to report to their municipal councils and they will assemble at a later date to present their discussions.

Neighborhood Community

By F. H. Brennan

The demand for houses direct ly affects everyone even if he already owns a house. It cannot be ignored because a shortage of housing not only affects industry, but forces up rents and real estate values. The full benefit of adequate good housing will best be reflected in the outlook and physical well-being of the children. If we want a continuing sturdy, self-reliant community, we must demand the highest standards of home construction obtainable.

Good housing makes for health, personal self-respect and civic pride. Marginal housing encourages 'blight' and may be occupied by irresponsible citizens within a few years. However, houses by themselves are incomplete and do not solve the .'home' problem. Cultural, recreational, educational and religious pursuits are natural requirements for a well-balanced family, and provision for them must be incorporated in any B & Y Cabs housing scheme.

The Neighbourhood Units contemplated in the Official Plan will be designed on an economic communal unit, with a positive identity, and will be capable of local control by unit residents working together to gain the maximum benefit from their association. There is a greater field for collective action in a clearly defined neighbourhood unit than there is in politically defined units of administration. A Neighbourhood Unit must not be merely a collection of houses holding nothing more in common with their neighbours than their water and sewerage sys-

By the careful planning of Neighbourhood Units, each with distinctive natural or man-made boundaries, economies can be made which would not be possible were speculative building allowed to proceed without an over-all plan. For example, the permissible density of housing as established by the Planning Board enables school authorities to determine with a fair degree truthfulness. Recently it was our to accept the fact that truth of accuracy the ultimate requireprivilege to discuss the problem may cause immediate trouble, ments for school buildings there-

stealing he made a desperate bid to get money to buy candy for his chums.

The teacher came back to the room for a book she had forgot ten and caught Tom red-handed. He denied that he was really stealing, but insisted he was looking for the drawing he had made that day. In spite of crossexamination in front of the class next morning he stuck to his

Poor little boy! Already insecure and unhappy in his family:life, and unable to hold his own in his play group, he was now marked by the other children as "thief" and "liar!" It was a long time before Tom recovered from this bitter experience. It hindered rather than truthfulness.

Teachers and parents often fail to realize that humiliation by making it possible to site one school with adequate land surrounding it whereas with a hit-and-miss system two schools might ultimately have to be

If for no better reason than its | Wideman Block - Markham cost, the proper use of land lies in getting the most from it. The developer is inclined to interpret this as meaning solely that house frontages and road widths be no larger than is necessary, whereas the Planning Board hopes to protect natural views; carefully site buildings of communal interest, such as libraries, churches and schools,

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