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## Frost Independence Could Affect Ontario Vote

The apparent interdependence of the provincial and federal governments and the recent budget could have some effect on the Ontario vote in the forthcoming federal election. Premier Frost has stated that he believes the federal government is "niggardly" in its taxation treatment of Ontario. Thus the Finance Minister's admission of a \$300,000,000 surplus is no doubt exasperating to the Ontario premier.

The Ontario Liberal leader Farquhar Oliver has charged that Mr. Frost is trying to make political capital out of the situation as a contribution to the Conservative cause in the June election.

However, the Ontario Premier has maintained for some years that the provincial share of taxes is in-

sufficient and that the Federal Government should be able to budget much closer to actual needs. The fact that Ontario pays the big share of taxes does not help alleviate the Premier's feelings. Mr. Oliver's contention is partially right since the debate in the Ontario legislature recently is certain to have some repercussion whether or not it was motivated for political reasons. Thus Mr. Frost could be a problem for the Ontario Liberals come June.

Those who wished to have Mr. Frost's name go before the federal Conservative convention, will think now that possibly they were right for as federal leader he would have had the opportunity to come to closer grips with the tax-sharing problem.

## City-Country Blend

Ties are becoming closer between the city dweller and his country cousin. Agricultural economists say the time is not so far off when you won't be able to tell them apart.

In many parts of Canada the city resident has moved to the country to find "elbow room" and escape high municipal taxes and some farmers earn part of their incomes from other jobs in cities and towns.

Better roads, television and radio all help in the blending of urban and rural cultures.

Farm leaders say part-time farming will increase considerably. Only an unexpected sharp farm income climb can stop it or slow it down.

The day may come when politicians will have no city vote or rural vote as they know it today. Voters' interests are becoming so diversified that they have a broader view of public needs.

This union of the urbanite and his country cousin will have a vital effect on the future of our way of life.

## Safety Checks Effective

What is known as "safety checks" by Provincial Police officers are becoming more frequent. As far as the motorist is concerned it is a simple operation. At any time he is liable to be stopped on the open highway by the provincial men. The important safety features on his car are checked to make sure that brakes, lights, horn, rear-view mirror, etc., are all up to standard.

In addition to providing a hazard for the vehicle which is not fit to be operated on the public roads, drivers are becoming increasingly aware that they must at all times be alert and fully capable of passing such a test. Knowing that they may be stopped at any time certainly should tend to make most car operators keenly conscious of their responsibility when they are behind the wheel.

## Potatoes Over The Border

Canadian potato growers have gained a measure of tariff protection against United States imports, Finance Minister Harris has announced that, effective from April 6, U.S. potatoes will pay a year-round duty of 37½ cents per 100 pounds. Hitherto, they have been duty-free except from June 15 to July 31, when a duty of 37½ cents applied.

Exempt from duty as before are new potatoes imported from Jan. 1 to June 14 each year. Before the home product is ready, a tariff would be a consumer tax, as Mr. Harris sees it. The real threat, he said, has been mature potatoes coming in from the U.S. from December to April, while the homegrown product is still available. Right now, the Fredericton Gleaner reports, there is a glut of New Brunswick potatoes.

Canada does not make these tariff changes without consulting Washington. Under GATT, unilateral deals are permitted, and this one was negotiated. The Charlottetown Patriot (Prince Edward Island is keenly interested) predicted that nothing would be done at the present session

of Parliament, and Maritime growers had sent a delegation to Ottawa to urge "interim" relief.

Action has been taken, but the advantage is offset to an undetermined extent by a sharply reduced U.S. quota on imports of Canadian seed and table potatoes. The reduced quota will enter at 37½c, anything above that at 75c.

John Diefenbaker at the time of the announcement happened to be speaking in West Middlesex, a noted potato district which is also the constituency of Robert McCubbin, parliamentary assistant to the Minister of Agriculture. The PC leader used the occasion to discuss the whole question of imported fruits, vegetables and poultry and to pledge his party to safeguard Canadian producers. Whenever imports appear to endanger U.S. products the tariff is raised, while end-of-the-season products are dumped into Canada in great quantities. In 1956 we paid \$7,000,000 at wholesale for U.S. table potatoes, duty-free for all but six weeks of the year.

—The Telegram.

## London Letter —

London, England, April 13

London in the spring — just the time of the year to visit this lovely city with the parks all aglow with the spring flowers. Daffodils, beds of them, everywhere. Wallflowers this year, owing to the mild winter almost in full flower and the scent of them almost more attractive than their colour, and surely never has the grass been greener or more delightful than this year.

The past weekend, unfortunately was giving us all a very black outlook, with over half a million men on strike in the London area, and practically a thousand firms facing a complete shut-out. The future appeared more disastrous than for many years. However, common sense has prevailed and the men all return to work tomorrow. Also the past weekend was the one chosen by more couples to get married in than any before, so as to get the tax relief, the last qualifying date being April 5th. In fact B.E.A. alone put on 11 extra 32-seater flights during the weekend to take newlyweds to the Channel Islands; and Honeymoon Special trains were coming into London main line station from all directions, practically every Church and Registry office working non-stop.

On Saturday 90,000 school boys packed the Trembley Stadium for the soccer match between England and Wales. The final score was 2-0 in favour of the English team. The enthusiasm

of the boys was equal to anything the Cup Final will show this year, between Man. United and Aston Villa. This should be an exceptionally good one. What about some of you coming over to Trembley for it?

Police blowing whistles struggled through the crowds in Petticoat Lane, London's famous street market, on Sunday. They were close on the heels of a bag snatcher, but he got away. The chase started after a woman shouted her hand bag had been stolen. The man dodged into Oldgate Station and into a train that was just leaving.

Thousands watched the boat race last Saturday. The lovely day and the fact that Oxford were favourites brought the crowds out more than ever. It was an exceptionally good race won by Cambridge. Keeping quiet they rowed like mad and won by 2 lengths.

Next week is Budget week and we are all wondering just what the Government has in store for us. To regain even a little of their steadily declining popularity they will have to grant quite a few tax reliefs. Will they do it? We wait as Asquith used to say, wait and see. The holiday season is fast approaching and each day the most fantastic proposals confront us in all the various papers. Holidays at home and abroad. Our personal choice would be an Ontario Lake cruise. —Best wishes

—W.A.L.

## Early Files

April 16, 1955

Work of erecting the cement wall for the new sheds at the Mennonite church is progressing this week, also work on trenching for the foundation of the new Baptist church has started.

Good Friday was a very quiet holiday in Stouffville.

Cecil Shackel has moved his garage business located just west of the Mansion House, to the Auditorium, where the new Ford show rooms are situated.

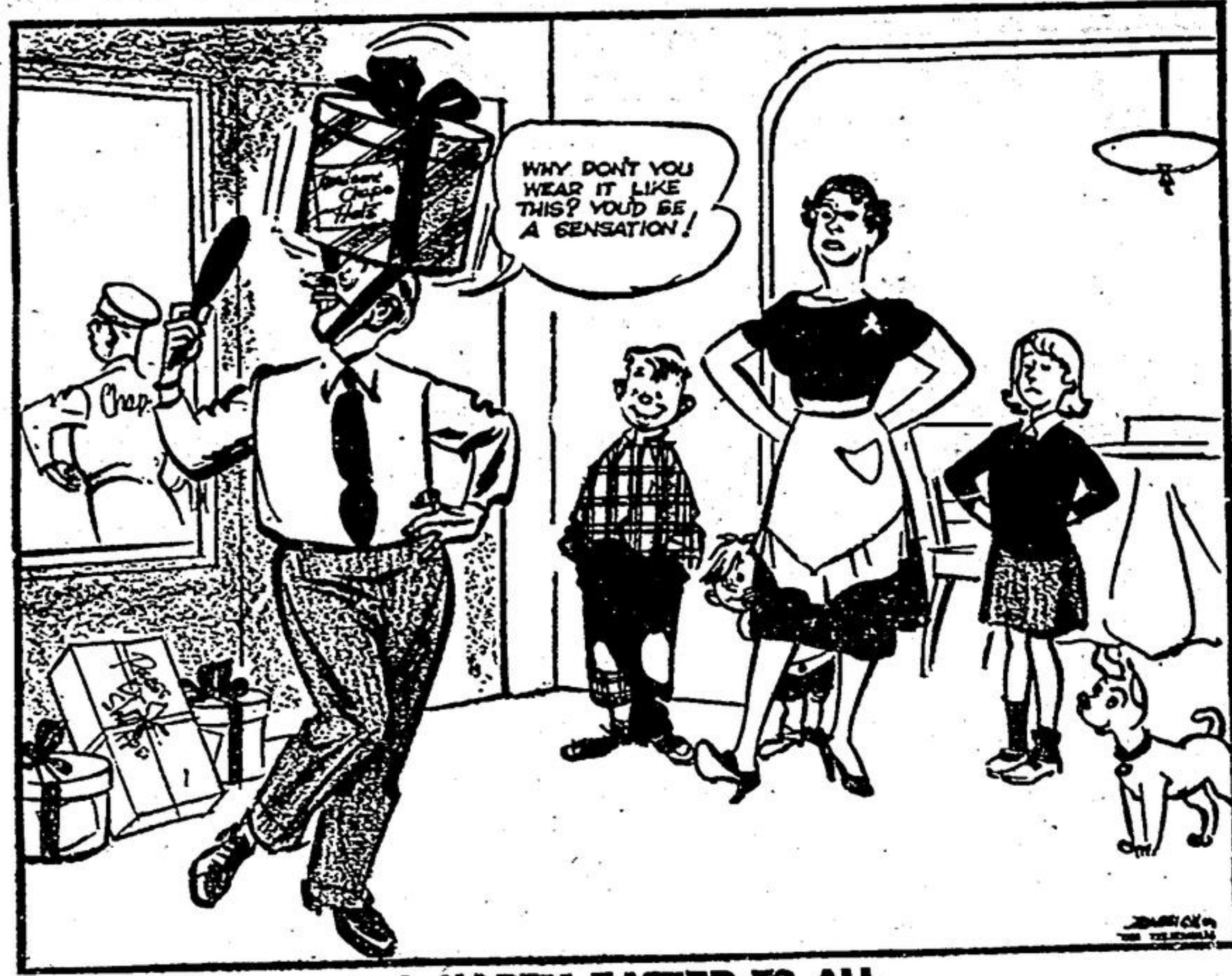
Richardson Masonic Lodge at its regular meeting on Friday evening, presented the presiding officer, Mr. Ross K. Davis, with a beautiful Past Master's Apron. Dr. F. A. Dales read an address and W. H. Todd made the presentation.

Farmers and others who use the roads a good deal, have been praising the efforts of Whitchurch Township Council for converting the 10th concession from Stouffville to Lincolnville from one of the roughest roads into a good piece of highway.

Friday night's drama in Ratcliff's hall, entitled "Backbone," was given with good success by the Victoria Square Dramatic Club.

J. R. McKenzie of Ringwood, has purchased the land on which stood the old blacksmith shop, opposite Grove's store, and will erect a new house thereon.

Inspector Mills of the Continuation Schools states in his recent report to the Stouffville School Board that he is of the opinion that scholars of the local school do far too little reading of library books.



A HAPPY EASTER TO ALL

## BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

### Invitation Accepted

Over 40,000 young people move into Toronto every year from villages and rural areas. I asked a leading business man what his first thoughts were when he landed. He replied: "I realized my pants weren't pressed and it made me feel self-conscious." No doubt first impressions are important; young people are elated or discouraged in the first few weeks. Here is a story of something that happened some time ago.

Jim came from a back concession; that is, his birthplace was not even a village. Not far away there was a schoolhouse, a post office, and a small church, but the nearest railway station was nine miles away. When he was eighteen, Jim arrived in a large Canadian city on a Monday. He started working the next morning and by the end of the week he was well established in his boardinghouse. He was somewhat lonely, but he was friendly and quickly made acquaintances.

Then Sunday came. Jim attended a church service, chiefly because he wanted to, but also in fulfillment of a promise he had made when leaving home. It was summertime, and after the noonday meal he sat with half a dozen other young fellows on the house verandah. It was then that Jim suddenly remembered that every Sunday afternoon for years he had attended Sunday School. He had never missed unless he had been ill. He looked at the other boys on that verandah, and he felt sure that if he suggested Sunday school they would politely decline—at any rate, they would decline, politely or otherwise. Besides, they were already making plans for a picnic, and they were counting on him to go.

Right there and then Jim knew that he was facing a crisis in his life. If he went to the picnic, it would be the first break between him and the Sunday School. Next Sunday there would be another picnic and gradually the gulf between him and the Sunday School would widen. He did not want that to happen. Yet to refuse to go with the other fellows might make a bad impression. What was he to do?

At that moment a man named MacLaren—Judge MacLaren—walked down the street. He was the teacher of a young men's Bible class and was destined to become—many years later—president of the World's Sunday School Association. He paused when he saw the young men on the verandah, and after a moment's hesitation, he said: "My name is MacLaren, and I am the teacher of a young men's Bible class. If you are not otherwise engaged this afternoon, I should like to invite you all to our class."

Without any hesitation Jim said: "Will you please wait until I get my hat and coat, and I shall be glad to go along with you." Jim thoroughly enjoyed the class. He joined it that day, and during the next fourteen years he was absent only three times. He became a strong Christian leader and for more than half a century has been widely known and respected.

Speaking of the incident many years afterward, he said: "I just knew that I had to make a decision that day, and I felt in my soul it was an important one. I came to a place where my whole future depended upon what I did just then. It was a case of two men out and the bases full. Thank God, I had sense enough to do the right thing."

Our quotation today is by Judge Cairns: "It is a critical time in a man's life when he is absolutely on his own."

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR...

R.R. 3, Newmarket

R. R. 2, Gormley, Ont.

Dear Mr. Editor,

### Help Needed

The success of the Wolf Cubs and the Boy Scouts in the Ballantrae-Musselman's Lake area, has now been established, but there is still a crying need for the formation of the Girl Guides and Brownies for the girls. This need can only be fulfilled if some of the mothers in this area can give up two hours per week, in which to train the children. It is not necessary that you had been a Girl Guide in your younger days, but it is important that you like children, and that you have a community spirit.

When the controversy was going on with regard to the No. 11 SS, there were all kinds of people who devoted many hours to going around with petitions for the "good of the children." I am sure that if the time was available then, it would be available now, and actions would speak a little louder than words, and it really would be for the good of the children.

If any woman is really interested, we would be very pleased to receive you at 7:30 next Monday night at scouts (Ballantrae School) and help you in any way to understand how the Cubs and Scouts operate, so that you may get some idea of what is required to start Girl Guides and Brownies. You may, if so desired, carry on with the Scouts until it is decided to start the Guides. This service is something that the girls of this area need, and if you have a young daughter, it is in their interest as well as your own, that something be done, and there is no time like the present.

—K. A. Rogers

Dear Editor and Readers,

In this week's edition of your valuable paper, a man who is a stranger to me, advises me to commit suicide. Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? I have before me his compilation of profound wisdom (?) and his elaborate exposition of intelligence. (?)

I am surprised by his supercilious verbosity and amused at his consummate concatenation of nonentities. He speaks of Mahatma Gandhi as a proper candidate for Heaven — if, as he asks — if there be such a place. I would like to meet the above mentioned writer and would be glad to have the opportunity to debate the subject of Heaven and Hell with him, or any of his over-intelligent theorists. For I perceive that he is in the gall of bitterness and the bonds of iniquity.

I would like to convince him, by the preaching of the "foolishness of the cross" that unless he is born again he must utterly perish in a lake of fire, burning with brimstone. In the meantime I will pray that God may enlighten him, for he is too worldly-wise, methinks, for human instruction.

Thanking you, I remain, Yours in the Master's Service, Leslie Grove

We are nearing the popular wedding months. Should you require invitations or other items such as serviettes and cake boxes, see The Tribune selection—they will please you.

## East... Triumphant

Behold the glory of the Lamb This glorious Easter morn. He rose triumphant o'er the tomb.

Triumphant o'er men's scorn. The winter's gloom now, too, is past.

This lovely Easter morn. The gladsome spring has come at last.

A bright new day is born.

The grass is springing fresh and new.

The flowers have come again. Again the morn is fresh with dew

Or drenched with April rain.

So let us put our cares away— The shadow of the cross— And with the Christ on Easter day

Forget all earthly loss.

Look up to Christ for grace and peace.

The resurrected Lord. And He will gently give release From care, as our reward.

—Mrs. A. Weber

## "I'm Doing All Right"

For cynical irresponsibility and social selfishness the remark of a New York truck driver, when asked for his opinion of David Beck and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters investigation, would be hard to beat.

"Everybody is out to get what they can," said this individual. "Let the big boys fight it out on their own. I'm doing all right." Thus did this "wise man" on wheels sum up a common philosophy of our times; it couldn't be expressed more tersely, more degradingly. It is the philosophy of the "big grab," the unceasing "gimme, gimme, gimme," of those who never consider the amount or the quality of what they give in return, or even whether they should make the effort to give anything at all.

Such people, and there are great numbers of them, are hapless when they are on the thick end of the grabbing, then they can boast that they are "doing all right," what happens to the country, the community or the other fellow doesn't matter. The country can be "left to the big boys to fight it out." And that is often what the big boys want.

If these cynical sentiments are general, then we have a right to be depressed, for they are the expressions of bankrupt democracy in which the selfless work of all the devoted spirits of the past, is contemptuously put in pawn, and the proceeds shared out among those who have appetites but no principles, rights but no duties.

In such decadence the past becomes worthless, the present anarchy and the future unknown, except that in it must lie a certain retribution.

One is reminded of the story about the pirates who, when the ship was sinking, wrapped themselves in money belts filled with gold. In the stormy sea the weight pulled them down and they drowned, but materially, they were "doing all right." —Hamilton Spectator.

Mrs. Roy Dowswell, Albert St. Stouffville, escaped with only minor bruises on Thursday morning when her car went out of control on the Don Mills Road and turned over. Mrs. Dowswell is a teacher at the Dublin Public School in North York. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000. Markham Twp. Police said that the heavy early-morning snowfall made the highway very treacherous.

## FOR PARENTS ONLY

### Speech Without Stuttering

by Nancy Cleaver

Does your child stutter? Are you helping him?

Stuttering is common among little children of two or three years who are learning to speak. In the great majority of cases, if handled wisely, it gradually disappears. In time of strain, or in new situations as when Junior starts to school or enters adolescence, stuttering may crop up again.

If Junior complains to mother that his playmates laugh at him and that he "can't talk right," mother should reassure him that lots of children have difficulty learning to talk. Mother should not urge him to try harder to talk correctly nor should she attempt to cure his speech problem by rewards or bribes.

There are several things his mother may want to do which will be harmful. Junior must not be punished or shamed for his stammering. The stuttering child lacks self-confidence. Any repressive punishing measures only make him more unsure of his ability to speak fluently.

Neither must mother form the habit of asking Junior to speak more slowly. He should not be told to repeat the word or sentence over which he has been stumbling.

It is a big temptation, but mother must not supply a suitable word for which Junior is frantically searching. If mother feels impatient with her child's struggles to express himself she

should not show it. The stuttering child must neither be worried nor hurried.

If Junior is left-handed, his mother will not force him to use his right hand. Most modern parents know that the inner tension arising in a child from trying to change a left-handed person into a right-handed person may account for a tendency to stutter. The part of the brain controlling speech is closely associated with the control of the hands. Teachers today seldom urge a left-handed child to use his right hand.

Junior's speech difficulties should not be discussed with other adults in his presence. Mother and father should not fuss over Junior nor show anxiety or concern for their child.

Parents can help their child who stutters by seeing that he gets more rest and by building up his general health. A mother can keep a record of the situations which provoke her child and try to avoid these.

Learning to speak without stuttering is a little like learning to swim. A child must not be afraid. Trying too hard defeats its own purpose. The relaxed child can swim more expertly than the tense youngster.

Good Friday this week will be a public holiday and stores in town will be open on Thursday evening.

# EXPANSION

IN recent years, the Canadian steel industry has expanded more rapidly than the steel industry of any other major nation.

Between 1946 and the end of 1956, the increase in capacity in Canada was 62 per cent, or about 2,140,000 tons. Stelco is the largest Canadian producer, and in the same period invested \$195,000,000 in new plant and raw material sources.

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