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## OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Women Drivers

That excellent annual publication of the National Safety Council "Accident Facts", 1957 edition, reports: There were approximately 4,900 women drivers and 42,500 men drivers involved in fatal accidents during 1956. Drivers in all accidents—fatal, injury and property damage—were divided: 2,800,000 women; 14,900,000 men. These national estimates are based on the reports of traffic authorities from 32 States. "Special studies indicate that there were approximately 22,000,000 registered women drivers and 55,000,000 registered men drivers in 1956, so rates of involvement in accidents were approximately as follows: fatal accidents per 100,000 drivers—women 22, men 77; all accidents per

1,000 drivers — women 187, men 270. "A considerable part of these differences in rates undoubtedly is due to the fact that men drivers average more miles than women drivers. Nearly all commercial vehicles are driven by men—frequently 20,000 miles or more annually—and even the family passenger car is more frequently driven on long trips by men than by women. The average mileage in 1956 for both men and women drivers was about 8,200. If women drivers average 3,000 miles their fatal accident involvement rate, based on mileage, would be somewhat lower than the rate for men drivers, but their all-accident involvement rate would be higher."

### Hitchhiking Should Be Discouraged

Motorists are frequently faced with a decision that could have serious consequences if they misjudge the purpose and character of the person who is at the side of the highway requesting a lift. It is a risky thing to play the part of the good Samaritan where the hitchhiker is concerned. There is always the danger that the man with his thumb out may not be a happy vacationist at all but a criminal who is fleeing the police or whose intention is to attack and rob anyone who is kind enough to answer to his appeal for a ride. Just recently an elderly man who had given two hitchhikers a lift, was beaten, robbed, and thrown from his car near Woodstock. This is just one of many similar cases where the befriending motorist was victimized.

Hitchhiking has become a menace. It should be discouraged because of the traffic hazard that it is. It distracts the attention of the driver from the highway in front of him. And a sudden stop on the road could lead to a serious accident as it has done on many occasions in the past. Motorists who respond to the upraised thumb could find themselves in extreme financial hardship should they end up in an accident in which the hitchhiking passenger is involved. Many insurance companies refuse to accept liability for injuries sustained by such occupants of a motor car. Big-hearted drivers may not find it easy to disregard the thumb of a foot-sore pedestrian but they must ignore them if there ever is to be an elimination of this highway menace.

## LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I can't decide between the pretty pink one and the green one that wriggles..."

## FOR PARENTS ONLY

### Your Child's Teacher

by Nancy Cleaver

"Our oldest child started to school this September. In a way, life is simpler for me. I don't have to wonder what mischief he is into during school hours, but I do miss him. He is such a happy little fellow! It sounds silly, but he talks so much about his teacher that I am beginning to dislike her thoroughly," a mother admitted to a neighbour. "That is foolish! You and your child's teacher should be on friendly terms," she answered with a smile. It is a little hard on mother, who has been the most important person in Junior's life, to have to move over and give "teacher" room. Once Junior starts to school, what "teacher" says and does is of first importance. His classroom guide is a new and different adult whom he is getting to know. Teacher speaks with all the authority of the school behind her, whereas he has become quite used to mother's ways and mother's voice. It is very easy for parents, especially mothers, to be critical of their child's instructor. People make allowances for the idiosyncrasies of their friends and acquaintances. But far too often parents do not know their child's teacher except by name. One of the very useful functions of the Home and School Clubs is to provide a meeting place for parents and teachers. Every mother and father should make a real effort to attend and support the Home and School gatherings. Once they have had a chat with her, most parents discover that their child's teacher is quite human. She takes on definite shape as a person, with problems and difficulties, just like any other grownup. Of course, a parent should feel free to go and see their child's teacher. This visit should not interrupt a regular teaching session. It should be at a time which is convenient for both teacher and parent. It is best for a mother to phone and say, "I am Johnny Doe's mother and

I would like to have a talk with you. When would this fit in with your schedule?" The sad part is that so often a parent who seeks an interview with a teacher has a complaint to make. Seldom does mother take time to see teacher to give her a compliment or to ask her about something which is puzzling her. Some issue, some grievance, in the teacher's handling of her child, is usually the occasion which spurs a busy mother into "seeing teacher." Once in a while parents write a note or phone the teacher to voice their dissatisfaction. This seems a simpler and quicker method of communication to many mothers. But it is a poor substitute for a face to face talk in a friendly atmosphere. The writer of the note does not immediately get the other person's reaction to the problem. Parents need to try to put themselves in teacher's place. Then they will likely see that she has a demanding job on her hands with a room full of children. She is trying to do her best with twenty or thirty or even more children—each different and each needing special thought and attention. It is quite true that methods of teaching various subjects, especially Arithmetic, have changed in recent years. Parents who attempt to "help" their child with his homework may only confuse him. But this is not the teacher's fault. If a child is getting behind in a subject, the teacher will be only too glad to suggest ways in which he can catch up with his classmates by doing a little extra work "the new way." A boy or girl will benefit if parents look on a teacher, not with critical eyes, but with understanding and appreciation. The teacher is the child's friend and helper — not his enemy! The home and the school are partners in one of the most vital tasks in the world—that of training the next generation. Your relationship to your child's teacher is important. (Copyrighted)

end their throats are slit. Poultry and other fowl have knives inserted into their throats while still alive and conscious!" How would we like this treatment for ourselves, our pets, even our enemies? (Who wrote not long ago that there is no such a thing as hell on earth?) "But," we gasped, horrified, "is such terrible suffering necessary?" "No," the pamphlet cheers, "practical and economical means to kill food animals humanely are now readily available. COMPULSORY humane slaughter legislation can be passed THIS YEAR if YOU will do your part!" "If we...!" But certainly, we will do our part! We will write NEW and DEMAND that Humane Slaughter methods be employed immediately and not two, four, or six more years hence! These animals are too precious to be allowed to suffer one whit more than is absolutely necessary! We MUST have humane methods and nothing less! So, friends, while the matter is fresh in your mind, do it NOW—write to (1) newspaper editors asking for public support; (2) to your Member of Parliament in Ottawa, asking him to support humane slaughter legislation; (3) to the Federal Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa, and DEMAND Compulsory Humane Slaughter for our food animals at once! We will have it if we ALL do our part! —M. E. Dew, Stouffville

### I Remember

By the Old Timers

From Mrs. Earl Garoutte, Stratford, Texas: Yes, I too remember about those so-called good old days. And I wouldn't trade back now that I have the easier way. I too, washed my clothes on a rub-board in a tub. If they didn't come clean, the harder I'd rub and rub. I made my soap from the cracklings and the rinds. Saved and saved from each hog-killing time. My mattresses were made from straw from the new strawstack. We would stuff them full, then carry them back. With a home-made mop I'd scrub my bare wood floors. And then I didn't mind those back-breaking chores. We buried lots of winter food in the ground. Apples, cabbage, turnips, potatoes, sweeter tasting stuff couldn't be found. If someone had said, "Some day all that stuff you'll freeze." We'd have answered, "That's something we can't believe." All these wonderful modern inventions we call progress. To my way of thinking, they make for greater happiness. Oh, sure, I often reminisce about those by-gone days. And there comes a sad, nostalgic feeling—always. But honestly speaking, to say I would want them back, I'd never, ever say it — and that's a fact.

## Sibbald's Point Park Proves Popular Place

Because of its proximity to the city, Sibbald's Point Provincial park, purchased last winter by the Ontario government is becoming a camping and swimming playground for York county, and Toronto residents. Situated two miles east of Jackson's Point on Lake Simcoe, it is only a 30-minute drive from Newmarket along highway 48. Because more people are using the park each year and because of its tremendous potentialities, it is the pet project of the department of lands and forests and will undergo many improvements in the next two years. "Plans are almost completed for enlarging the camping grounds, beaches, adding more concessions and parking facilities," said A. W. Lehman, a department official. "Since the province bought the park, crowds have increased by 25 percent. A recent Sunday saw 4260 people enter the park and often parking spaces are at a premium. One weekend over 200 tents were pitched in a camping area which is supposed to hold only 100. They overflowed into an adjoining lane. "The park is operated more efficiently now," said one camper. "This year, we have ice and milk delivered to us in the camping grounds." Most of the tents are protected from the hot sun by cedar trees. Campers say it's "cool as a cucumber" for sleeping. Although there is a waiting list for tent space on weekends, accommodation can always be made during the week. The number of tenters staying throughout a week averages 50. Many of the campers bring tennis and badminton nets and racquets to provide themselves with recreation. Another form of recreation is provided by Leslie Corner who operates a riding stable. He has ponies and horses which will take riders over a trail leading through the park. Most of the park is still grass land or woods so a rider can let his horse have a good gallop. But the majority of people who come to the park come for a swim or picnic lunch. Parents who fear their child may drown, unnoticed among a crowd of people, feel more secure when they arrive and find a trained lifeguard on duty, patrolling the shore line in a motor boat. He is Ken Peeters, Newmarket and he is on duty Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. "On hot nights people hate to leave the water, so I usually finish work about 10 p.m.," Ken said. Most of his time is spent patrolling the shore line, making sure swimmers on air mattresses or inner tubes don't drift out too far. He also watches for speed boats and water skiers and keeps them away from swimmers. Many people coming to the park bring boats and motors with them. They are asked to launch their boats at a part of the park remote from the swimmers. Occasionally young swimmers get too playful and start pushing other children off the dock. Ken steps in and warns them. His friendly way of dealing with them earns him respect with children. For very young swimmers and non-swimmers there is an area marked with buoys to guard against accidents. On the long dock there is a life-buoy with 40 feet of rope and a second buoy is placed on the shore elsewhere in the park. A staff of 12 department men and boys keeps traffic moving in and out of the park. The big rush begins Friday night as city dwellers hurry out of the teeming city. William Dawson, a former department employee, runs the concession at the park. He is kept busy on Saturdays and Sundays with orders for soft drinks, ice cream, hot dogs and sandwiches. On Saturday nights he doesn't close the concession until midnight. "People from the tenting area come down and decide they want a cup of tea or an extra bottle of milk," Dawson says. Ever since the county opened the park it has been a favorite place for Sunday school and church picnics. Now large firms such as General Electric bring their staffs for a few days outing and picnic. Eldon Hall, a museum which holds guns, silver and battle uniforms of the Sibbald family, one of the first families to settle in York North, is another feature of the park. At present, the Hall is being renovated but will be re-opened shortly. Inflation is just another way of saying prices are king-size. Nothing is more disappointing than to have the neighbors not notice your new car. We'll soon be getting the last of home-grown corn-on-the-cob. Kinda tough, eh? "It is very difficult to understand young people and elderly ones," says a psychologist. Yes, and those in between are puzzling and peculiar, too.

## From the Tribune Files

Sept. 9th, 1926 The third annual show of the Stouffville Horticultural Society held on Friday of last week was an unqualified success. The number of entries has grown from 250 the first year, until this year's number reached nearly 500 and the quality of the exhibits as well as the natural beauty was marvelous. School opened on Tuesday morning in Stouffville with the attendance somewhat below last year. In the Continuation School there were 62 scholars, although this number is expected to increase within a few days. The same decrease is noticeable in the number of pupils in the public school, there being 173 present on Tuesday. Mr. Chris Raymer opposite the Presbyterian Church, has a pullet laying, which is 5 months old, hatched last March. He also has in his garden a geranium with a leaf measuring 33 inches in circumference. The first instalment of town taxes which became due on Sept. 1st amounting to \$8,750 in round figures, was largely overpaid. While a few ratepayers did not respond at all, so many others paid their second instalment with the first, that the total taxes for 1926 of \$17,429 was two-thirds paid. Deputy-Reeve Reuben L. Stiver of Unionville last week was awarded first prize for the best bushel of wheat and second prize for the best sheaf of wheat at the Canadian National. Although the Corporation of Stouffville has seven churches or one to every 165 persons in the community, some of our people go on the belief that you cannot have too much of a good thing, hence an eighth denomination is shortly to bud out here. The new organization is a branch of the Cedarvale Tabernacle, Toronto. Mr. O. E. Crookford, Toronto pastor, we understand will also have charge at Stouffville. "In all the argument and confusion about integration in the southern states, one fact stands out," says the Windsor Star. For the most part the colored folk have conducted themselves with more dignity than the whites.

## BETWEEN OURSELVES

BY Chester Wallace

### Missing The Mark

Fifty years ago, two great preachers were colleagues in the same church in Edinburgh, Scotland. One was Dr. Alexander Whyte and his associate Dr. Hugh Black. Dr. Whyte was just but stern and spoke much of sin. Dr. Black was tender and spoke much of the mercy and love of God. It was frequently said that on the Sunday morning Dr. Whyte made the people feel unworthy and sinful; the evening Dr. Black whitewashed them. The doctrine of sin is very old and men differ much and men are stern or merciful as they interpret the character of God. I hope I do not take too much on myself when I say that the emphasis today leads men to lean more to the love of God and less to pass judgment on the failings of mankind. The Athletic Games in ancient Greece played a very important part in the national life. The games were open to all who could prove they had Grecian blood, and the spectators came from all parts of the Grecian world. The Olympian games were carried on at Olympia for a thousand years in a wide valley watered by the river Alpheus. So important were these events that a truce was observed throughout Greece so that all competitors might go to the games in safety. They were conducted on a high level, and there were no money prizes or costly stakes of any kind. Only an olive wreath, cut from a sacred tree, was given to the victor. Yet this simple gift was considered by many to be the most desirable honor which could come to a Grecian. One of the favorite games was to shoot at a target with a bow and arrow. It called for steadiness and great skill, such as comes from long practice. In this game the one who stood near the target was called the marker. It was his duty to watch the swift flight of the arrow and note whether or not it made a score. When the arrow missed the target the marker called out "Hamartiai." It was never a popular word, for it meant failure. A boy said to his father: "What is sin?" The father did not answer at once. Next day he purchased an archery outfit — a large target, a sheaf of arrows, and a bow. Then he invited his boy to the pine grove, where they set up the target and arranged the bows and arrows. The father said: "Let us have a few shots at the target, and I will be the marker. I intend to use a word that Greek athletes used for hundreds of years." The boy took the arrows and did quite well, but more often than not he missed the target, and his father called "Hamartiai." When they changed places and the father missed, the boy shouted "Hamartiai." When the fun was all over, they sat down to talk. The father said: "Yesterday you asked me what sin is. Today in our game we have used the very word that Paul used twenty centuries ago. It is the word 'Hamartiai' which means 'missing the mark.' I do not know of a better way of explaining what sin is than that — it is missing the mark." We often say that we are punished for our sins. It is better to say that we are punished by our sins. That verse in the Bible is true: "Be sure your sin will find you out." Other people may not, the policeman may fail, but your sin will find you out. You will have missed the mark. Our quotation today is a saying of Jesus: "Let him that is without sin cast the first stone."

## EDITOR'S MAIL

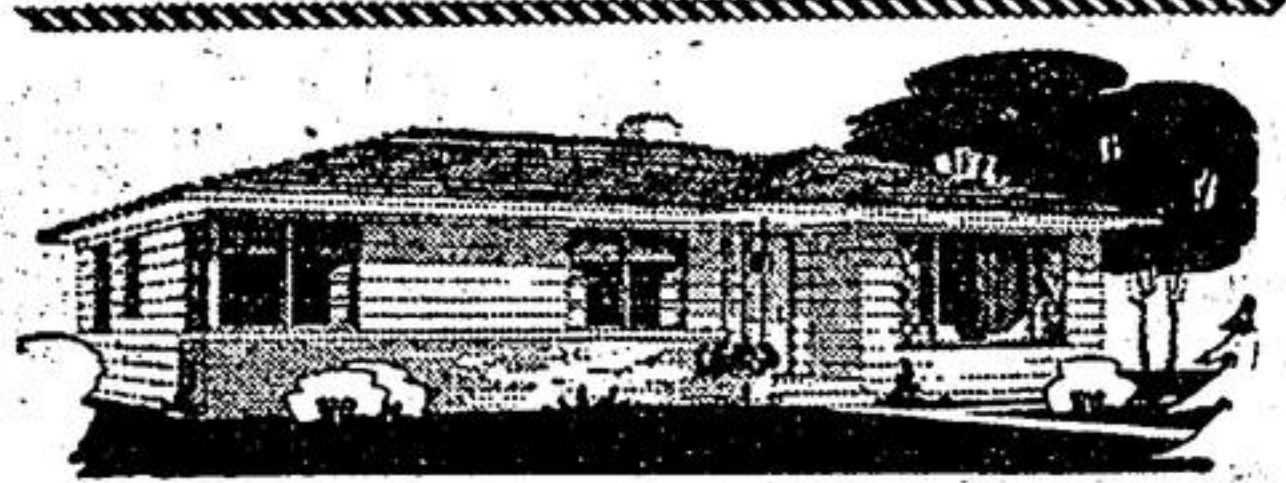
Editor, The Tribune, Stouffville, Ont. Dear Sir: We were interested in the account "The Burning of the Pig" given under Brougham News in last week's issue of your paper, and wish to thank this good correspondent for letting us in on the preparation of this giant barbecue. We wish, however, that he or she could have told in detail how the poor animal was slaughtered since she believes that in Europe they have a different method of killing pigs. But the fact that the guests "could not face it" and were horrified by the death screams, assures us that in Europe, (England, Scotland, Holland, Denmark, etc.), they have a more humane way of slaughtering food animals than we in Canada and U.S.A. have. There, we are told, meat animals "know the mercy of quick oblivion." We are glad this good correspondent could not attend the barbecue. Neither could we have done so! Incidentally in the same mail, we received a pamphlet from the Ontario SPCA Society, describing the present methods of slaughtering livestock in most of our Canadian (and American) slaughter-houses; and after going over it, we admit that we were shocked to learn that such antiquated ways are still in use in this fair country of ours. We were also greatly surprised, since we Canadians are so fond and proud of our animals as evidenced at Fairs, Exhibitions, and on the farms generally. Somehow, we have always taken for granted that these good servants were done away with as quickly and humanely as ever it is possible as soon as they reached the slaughter-houses. But such is not the case, and when we all know this, we hope everyone will promptly come to the fore and see to it that the new, humane methods of killing are immediately employed here as in Europe! For those who did not get a pamphlet, (write to J. Lambert, 210 Douglas Drive, Toronto 5, Ont., for one), we give below the following extract from it: "Present Painful Methods: Cattle, pitching and throwing themselves about, in a frenzied effort to avoid the blows of heavy sledge hammers being rained down upon their heads. Lucky is the steer that requires only one blow. Terrified, hogs, threshing and screaming with pain, as they hang shackled by a hind leg to a conveyor belt, on their way to be stuck and bled. (Occasionally going into the tank of scalding water still partially alive) Bewildered sheep, lambs, calves, suffering the same treatment as the hogs, except at the

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