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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Overnight Street Parking

According to the St. Mary's Journal-Argus, that town has the same problem as Stouffville trying to curb residents who try to make a parking garage out of town streets.

The Journal points out that it is possible the majority of local citizens are unaware that there is a bylaw prohibiting all-night parking. "It would only seem to be common sense, and those who violate the law and neglect to remove their cars from the street do not deserve too much sympathy." The law was originally introduced here because of the con-

stant trouble which snowplows had in negotiating the streets at night with cars parked here and there.

The St. Mary's bylaw has been in vogue for many years and reads in part: "No person shall park or leave standing any horse or any vehicle, whether attended or unattended, on any street or highway... between the hours of four o'clock in the forenoon and eight o'clock in the forenoon on any day during the snow-plowing season."

So — move that horse off the street, son! The Journal concludes.

Pioneer Problems

Many of the ordinary home conveniences we enjoy today in such things as light and warmth were real problems for the first settlers. Instead of a simple flick of a switch to provide illumination by electricity, the pioneers considered themselves fortunate if they had tallow candles to provide even a dim light. Many depended on wicks set in oil in saucers or more frequently still on the blazing logs in the open fireplace. The coal oil lamps which came later

were a vast improvement.

Even the "eight-day" sulphur match and its simple method of producing fire was unknown to the pioneers. The only way known to them was the primitive one of rubbing two sticks together and producing fire by friction — a somewhat tedious process or with a flint, a heavy jackknife and bit of punk. If the fire went out the settler often preferred to go to a neighbor's house for live coals rather than start a fire in this difficult way.

Speed-Crazy World

Hiawatha was a plker compared to the modern paleface.

According to Longfellow: "Swift of foot was Hiawatha. He could shoot an arrow from him and then run forward with such swiftness that the arrow fell behind him."

Queer stories are heard regularly these days. Remember the one about the test pilot who was flying a new type plane and testing the armament on it? He landed with holes in the wings. Seems he shot the cannon in the nose of the plane and the plane was going so fast it caught up with the shells and two of them exploded in the same plane which had fired them. Three seconds after firing, the plane intercepted its own line of fire.

If that isn't cockeyed, we'd like to know what is.

It's no wonder modern living creates indigestion, ulcers, cancer, frayed nerves, ill temper, neuroses and fanatics.

What remains for the mind of man to do now is to try to emulate the airplane and its bullets. There was a time the spiritual growth of the nation was able to keep pace with the scientific understanding. So great are the scientific strides in recent years, we have fallen behind spiritually. Our minds can grasp sputniks, rockets, guided missiles. We can contemplate, with complete rationality trips to the moon, space travel.

But we can't catch up to ourselves spiritually. So few of us can grasp the simple truths taught by an uneducated carpenter many years ago. We can't sift out candidly the plain facts that right is right; that we must love one another in spite of the faults.

Christianity has not fallen behind. Christianity has not failed man in his speed-crazy world. It is man who has failed Christianity. — Elmira Signet.

Nearly 3,000,000 People Used Ontario Parklands

Nearly three million people used parks established by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests during 1957. W. B. Greenwood, chief of the Department's Division of Parks, told the annual meeting of the Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association here.

Recently, the Dept. took over some parks formerly operated by the Dept. of Highways. Mr. Greenwood reported that there are now 115 parks in operation for 44 of which vehicle permits are issued; in 40 overnight camping is allowed; 39 are maintained and no charge is made for their use; nine are under development, and 23 are reserved or negotiations are under way by which they will be taken over.

In 1954, Mr. Greenwood said, the budget for public parks was \$15,000; in 1956-57 \$1,700,000 was spent on improvement alone, and in 1957-58 estimated expenditure is \$2,250,000. Last year, 35 parks were provided with flush toilet accommodation, 21 with picnic shelters, and fifty miles of road were built to provide access. In 1957, also, 72,700 picnic tables were provided for the use of travellers as compared with 2,000 the previous year.

More than 120,000 people walked the nature trails established in connection with the nature museums in such parks as Algonquin and Quetico.

Average stay in the parks where camp facilities were provided was 2.3 days, Mr. Greenwood said. He reported that Ontario parks have become increasingly popular with residents who cannot afford to stay at outposts or hotel camps in the north, or who prefer to "rough it" on their own. The visitors pay 75 cents a night or \$4 a week for camp sites and can reserve the sites for only two weeks, with a possible two weeks' extension if space is available. They are provided with free firewood and cooking facilities and, in some cases, may obtain electricity at an additional cost of 25 cents a day.

Most of the parks are operated by rangers from the Department's staff who thus have

an excellent opportunity to teach visitors something about life in the woods, the necessity for care in preventing forest fires, and the value of proper conservation measures.

According to Department records, few visitors do any serious fishing, being seemingly content to go out on the lakes and rivers to "pick up one fish for dinner."

Efforts are being made, Mr. Greenwood said, to establish parks at distances of about 100 miles apart and later, if necessary, the Government would study the advisability of providing boat liveries at some of the camps. Some delegates felt that the tourist picture in Ontario was changing with less emphasis on hunting and fishing and more on "family" entertainment. In round table discussions, camp operators said "some of us are beginning to feel that fishing, long recognized as one of our main attractions should be pushed into the background and that we should advertise other entertainment features which are wanted now."

To Investigate County Hospital Operation

An investigation of the operation of York County hospital has been requested by York County council. A recommendation was forwarded last week from the warden and commissioners to the Dept. of Welfare that a representative be sent to the hospital "to make an investigation regarding the efficiency of operations." The provincial appointee has been asked to check with county auditor J. Boudry regarding the hospital's accounting.

County Commissioners William Clark, reeve of Markham township, and Roy Pollock, reeve of North Gwillimbury township, introduced the resolution.

A man who thinks he can walk under an umbrella with a girl is apt to be all wet.

Early Files From Our

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His Honor Judge Widdifield came out on Monday to hold division court but he found the people all law abiding and without legal difficulties for him to solve.

Last week the Sutton line of the C.N.R. was storm bound from Tuesday until Saturday afternoon, no trains passing that way of any kind, owing to the big snow and wind storm. Rural mail routes from Stouffville were more or less tied up all week, for the roads were filled mountains high with snow. Monday, the weather moderated and good headway was made towards making roads passable again.

A horse race will still draw the masses. We saw a bit of one on Main St. the other day when George Watson and Peter Wideman staged a little "get-away" much to the enjoyment and amusement of a goodly number of onlookers. Wideman's "Macbrino" carried off first honors at the Toronto Exhibition and he wasn't going to take second place from any "dark horse" on the road. The pair went through Main St. at a rate which would easily attach a number to any animal. Watson's bay mare is said to be no stranger to the track and certainly she travels well. If these horse fanciers would announce a similar "brush" in advance, we can promise a big crowd of onlookers.

Pitch holes are said to be particularly bad and plentiful on the roads in this section just now, due to so much snow. Some of them are deep enough to take a horse up to his ears, while in places they are so close together the horse and driver lose sight of each other. While the driver is emerging from one hole, the horse is appearing into the next dip.

Butter is selling on the market at from 33c to 37c a pound and eggs are 25c a dozen.

At a meeting of the Stouffville War Veterans held on Wednesday evening last, it was decided to donate to the Stouffville Board of Trade the sum of \$25 to be used for toboggan slide purposes only.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



God's East Wind

When someone asked Thomas Carlyle from what university he had graduated, he replied: "The university of hard knocks." It is reasonably certain that many of the world's greatest benefactors have spent a lot of time in the same school. They owed their purpose and resolution to the obstacles they met and overcame. I once heard a millionaire tell a group of friends about his experience as a newsboy. He said: "I have had a tough time and was often discouraged but I know now it was good for me. I learned to meet the public and when rebuffs and insults came I took it on the chin and kept on going."

Many a man with such an experience decides to protect his own children from such hardships and surrounds them with luxuries he never knew as a lad. He has them driving expensive cars while still in their teens. What happens? In most cases they pathetically lack the strong qualities of their father. As one writer puts it: "They recline in slipped ease and are smothered by their father's success."

One of the best stories we know is told by Dr. Frank Boreham in his book 'Rubble and Roseleaves'. On the east coast of England, near the Dogger Banks, there are many little fishing villages where, for many generations, hardy fishermen reap the harvest of the sea and send it on to London and other cities.

There is no scarcity of fish in the near-by waters but the fishermen's troubles began after the fish were caught. The fish, when on their way to London, were kept in large tanks with perforated sides so that the water from the sea could flow in and out and thus the fish were kept fresh. There was, however, this drawback; once securely in the tank which was lowered into the sea, the fish ceased to swim around and simply lay limp and listless. When delivered at Billingsgate, London's famous fish market, they did not appear as appetizing or fresh as when they had been first caught, although they were still alive. All fishermen had the same trouble — all but one.

There was one fisherman who managed to get his fish to market in excellent condition. He handed them to the delighted merchants, healthy, lively and firm as when they were first caught. Naturally the dealers were all anxious to buy from this man and to pay him the highest price. Other fishermen marvelled at his success and vainly guessed at the secret of it. That went on for several years and all their guessing was in vain.

Just before his death the old fisherman instructed his daughter to pass on the secret to the other men. She told them that her father used to drop a catfish into the perforated tank. This kept the other fish in a state of excitement, a perfect ferment of agitation and alarm. They never got a chance to lie there and become limp and listless as did the fish in the other tanks. The catfish wouldn't allow them to be lazy; it was constantly on the go and kept them on the go.

There is something worth remembering in that story. There are few people, perhaps none at all, who do not have something in their lives which irritates and annoys. We say, "There is always a fly in the ointment." Yet these things are often beneficial in the long run. We once heard a great teacher say: "Every boy ought to be compelled to study at least one subject which he heartily dislikes." Many would sharply disagree with that man but we feel sure he was right.

Having to meet difficult and sometimes unpleasant experiences gives us backbone and purpose and resolution.

Our quotation today is by Hugh Black: "Better God's east wind with its lessons than the world's sickly sweetness."

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We understand the pasteurization of milk is likely to be a topic before the council at next meeting. If the present milk bylaw is kept enforced in regard to the sterilization of bottles, etc., we should have a very safe milk supply without pasteurization.

Stouffer and Schell, proprietors of the Stouffville Planing Mills, have purchased a 15 h.p. electric motor and expect to take hydro power in a few weeks or as soon as the necessary machinery is installed.

Recent contributions received by the Board of Trade towards the erection of toboggan slides amounted to \$47.50. Contributions of labor were made by: Joel Nendick, G. Saunders, Sid Schmidt, Harry Burgess, Sam Armstrong and H. J. Malloy.

Lloyd Turner, who purchased A. W. Lehman's ice cream and confectionery store in the Col-lard block, is having the premises painted and generally improved before opening for business.

The Massey-Harris Company were given three weeks in which to put a separator sold to Ralph Connor, of Stouffville, in perfect order according to a decision given in the Division Court in Toronto last week. Mr. Connor refused to pay for the separator on the grounds that it did not work properly. The company held that the separator was not at fault.

Advice to the lovelorn is the oldest syndicate feature in newspapers.

Most of us could live quite well on our incomes if Ottawa didn't skim the cream off them. Rags still make the finest paper. Rayon is made from wood.

Rings are rings, but Saturn's rings are snow. Infrared spectrometers ultrasensitive to invisible infrared light rays were used by a prominent American astronomer in making the discovery.

FOR PARENTS ONLY

Angry Parents

By Nancy Weaver

The irritation which parents sometimes display toward their children very often stems more from fatigue than from the fact the child has misbehaved. Every parent becomes tired, at one time or another, and what more natural than to vent peevishness on the nearest object — the child? Very often such fatigue or anxiety concerns an unsolved problem in which the child has not the slightest concern, yet it is punished, perhaps unwisely for a condition for which it was not responsible and over which it had no control.

Children can be terribly aggravating at times, and often this condition is manifested at a time and place where punishment cannot be administered. If your reactions to your child's behavior are occasionally violent, you have lots of company. When you find your own offspring annoying, and even provoking at times, you are not an unnatural parent. You face a problem similar to that of countless mothers and fathers.

Anger can arise in a parent or a child of any age, and it is often over a comparatively minor thing. Some parents and children at certain ages seem to be allergic to each other. Differences in outlook and habits can be exceedingly annoying.

In a home, parents feel responsible for directing their children in sensible behavior. Children of all ages long to be independent and be their own bosses, but adolescents want to be treated like grownups, even

though they lack the experience of adults.

It is during this period of adolescence that explosions of wrath by parents and children are likely to occur. Parents have good reason for feeling there are some mistakes too tragic to risk, such as trusting the young lad with the family car.

A boy wants to drive a car to impress his girl friend. Parents are dubious about their son's driving skill in an emergency. Is it any wonder there are so many fixed battles over use of the family car?

The Family Council has been a real help in many homes in preventing anger situations from arising or from becoming common occurrences. In other homes, time for talking things over at regular intervals between a parent and child has proven its worth. Before an adolescent has the use of the family car, that adolescent should agree to certain rules. These are safeguards against accidents, and they forestall too great a drain on the family budget. These regulations he must observe, or the use of the car is denied.

There is no magic formula for avoiding all friction. But part of the problem of being a parent is to be able to look at a problem objectively. Good mothers and fathers try to find a solution which is fair and satisfying for both parties. Compromise is always better than angry dictatorship.

The strain of modern living often tends to make parents

Langstaff Post Office To Close Soon

It has been announced that it is the intention of the federal government to close Langstaff Post Office, March 31st. This means that some 300 families receiving mail in this district will be without the postal service they have enjoyed for many years.

At present no decision has been made as to how the three hundred families now receiving mail at Langstaff will be given mail service. It is possible they will have to use the Thornhill Post Office or some arrangements may be made for rural mail delivery.

quick to anger. Many adults experience difficulty in controlling their tempers but, because they want their children to show the effect of good discipline, they must demonstrate at all times that their anger can be controlled.

Few modern parents desire to play the role of angry parent. It is unpleasant, damaging to health, to peace of mind, to family happiness. These situations may be avoided to a large extent by parents thinking ahead, trying to foresee situations which might lead someone to lose his temper. They also should try to remove the cause of disputes. Through mutual understanding and co-operation, a close association which will make for better family living can be fashioned.

Centuries ago, in Proverbs 16, verse 32, a wise man wrote this good advice which is still true today: "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city." (Copyright)



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