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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Can't Voice Opinion

We do not feel qualified to voice an opinion on the important farm plebiscite to be held this Friday with our limited knowledge of hog marketing. Such an opinion is something which must rest with the producer, the marketing board and opposing forces. It is up to the voters who will have to abide by the outcome to determine what they wish to do.

The one thing we can do in connection with the matter is to urge all farmers to participate in the vote. They are familiar with the situation, they know from experience its merits

or demerits and it is up to them to act in their own best interests.

A full turnout at the polls in each surrounding township will decide the issue as fairly as democratic procedure permits, by majority vote. The marketing plan requires a sixty-six and two-thirds percent "yes" vote if it is to stay in effect. A small vote in a matter of this kind is most unsatisfactory because it gives minority a chance to take advantage of apathy and carry a cause which may be generally unpopular or not in the general interest.

The Teacher's Job

Education Minister Dunlop's recent suggestion for an 11-month year for high school teachers in the province is not likely to meet with enthusiastic approval from the teachers themselves.

special tasks could be handled while the students were on holiday also might have value.

The argument is bound to be advanced that a teacher's job is a taxing one, especially on the nerves, and that a longer holiday is needed; or that the extra time allows many to improve their scholastic standing.

Mr. Dunlop's idea is probably only being considered now, and exhaustive study is necessary before any concrete moves are planned.

Halt Metro Expansion

Recent predictions by Dr. E. G. Faludi, the noted town planner and suburb designer regarding the future development of Metro should certainly be food for serious thought by everyone throughout this area. He forecast that by the time today's pre-school children graduate from high school, Metro Toronto will sprawl over 6,000 square miles from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay, and from Oshawa to the Credit River.

of local self-government in favour of a large overall super government. The province should guarantee the rights and revenues of the smaller municipalities located on the fringe of the Metro area. The municipalities themselves should band together and prepare to present a united front to any annexation move by Metro.

However apart from the threatened loss of local autonomy the municipalities can to a large extent decide their own future. Barring a serious turn in our economic fortunes we can expect greater growth both in and outside the Metro area in the years that lie ahead. In order to guide this growth along proper channels and balance the economy the fringe municipalities will have to apply themselves with diligence and perseverance. If the municipalities handle their affairs in an efficient and businesslike manner then it can't be suggested that they be absorbed into Metro in order to solve their financial difficulties. This was one of the main arguments behind the decision which resulted in the setting up of Metro in 1954.

No municipality should allow development to advance to a point where it experiences difficulty in providing essential services. Development should be orderly with proper balance between residential and industrial growth. Now is the time for the fringe municipalities to plan intelligently and decide how they will face this future growth. Whatever the future brings it will require dynamic and spirited municipal leadership.

Dr. Faludi also predicted giant helicopters for commuters; atomic factories in big parks; thoroughways circling the city to skyscraper garages; and 3,000,000 Metro citizens living in new homes.

New highways may bring a number of established urban centres closer in travelling distance to each other and to the Metropolitan area of Toronto.

It will have a profound impact upon the form, size and character of most of the villages and towns in the regional area and may give rise to a completely new urban concentration.

If indications are this noted planner's predictions are accurate then it's none too soon to begin considering appropriate action to protect the local autonomy of the individual municipalities throughout the County of York. Any move to push the present Metro boundaries northward to Georgian Bay should be strenuously opposed by everyone making up the continuing County of York. The expansion of Metro can only result in a definite curtailment

From the Tribune Files

From The Tribune, July 22, 1958

Haying is well advanced and the yield is much better than was estimated three weeks ago. The Stouffville Planting Mill have just completed a summer cottage at Lake Musselman for a Toronto customer. Just ten days elapsed from the time the order was placed until the cottage was completed. This speaks well for the prompt service of our local factory.

The strawberry crop, which was not very good in this section is about exhausted. Down in the fruit belt of Niagara, there was a good average crop with prices up around 20c a box. The local price last Saturday stood at this same figure.

School section No. 19, Markham, is more than elated over the entrance results. The entire six pupils sent up to Stouffville were successful in passing. This speaks volumes for Miss E. Mc-

Cowan, the teacher, and the trustees will do well to retain her services for another term.

Following the theft of twenty chickens from Eldon Bolender's at Bethesda last week, a second raid was made on Tuesday evening this week when the remaining 25 birds owned by Mr. Bolender were stolen. The thieves came in a car, but made their escape after being frightened by a gun shot. Mr. Bolender is a young man, who is making an honest effort to get started in farming, and the financial loss will be felt the more by him.

It would be impossible for us to tabulate the large list of applications received by Stouffville School Board for a third book teacher. No less than 190 applied. When the Board faced the problem of reading 190 letters and their accompanying recommendations, they realized a lengthy session was before them on Wednesday evening of

last week. The successful applicant is Miss Norma Orchard of Port Perry, a young lady with seven years' successful teaching experience.

Hon. W.A. Goodfellow Urges Support of "Farm Safety Week"

"Having spent a lifetime in the field of agriculture, one cannot help but be concerned with the increasing number of farm accidents and fatalities that are reported from day to day. It is therefore, with full appreciation of their objective that I heartily commend the Canadian Federation of Farm Equipment Dealers on their sponsorship of Farm Safety Week.

Farm life in Ontario has become increasingly complex due largely to the intensive mechanization of the industry. As a result, emphasis has been placed by the Department on the handling of farm equipment through 4-H tractor clubs and the Agricultural Engineering Extension Service.

A further step toward expanding our program of service has been taken with the establishment of a Farm Safety Committee within the framework of the Department of Agriculture. One of the first steps to be taken was the decision to institute a farm accident survey on a province-wide basis. It is hoped that the information gained will materially assist in the development of a program directed to safety on the farm under the direction of a Farm Safety Council.

It is my sincere hope that by this means, and with the cooperation of all safety-minded citizens, that the tragic deaths and accidents on Ontario farms will be materially decreased.

Is the recession receding?

LAFF OF THE WEEK

"I'm only a Cub-scout, ma'am - my scout wouldn't help you much!"

BETWEEN OURSELVES BY Archer Wallace

Gentle Men

I have been thinking of an old man I knew when a lad. He was bent nearly double and walked along the streets with hands behind his back. He seemed to suffer from curvature of the spine or some kindred ailment. He was a great favourite with everybody but especially with children. I have never known a kinder and more unassuming person.

He had no ambition to be thought of other than as a humble Christian, yet by sheer transparent goodness he became probably the best-loved man in a town of about 30,000 people. I left England before he died, but friends told me that his funeral was one of the largest ever held there. He was a member of one of the Protestant churches, but children from all the schools, including the Roman Catholic, followed his body to its last resting-place in a local cemetery. He never held office in any of the local organizations; he was the humblest man in town.

He did teach in Sunday School. Sometimes sophisticated lads would draw his attention to passages in the Bible that seemed vulgar. He looked pained but patient as he tried to explain their place in Scripture, but his sheer purity of life shamed the youths and increased their respect for him.

I had at that time some office in a Band of Hope temperance society. Several times he came and spoke to the children. He was no orator but I shall never forget his earnestness as he stood before the children; modestly dressed but completely carried away with his subject. By some strange law of the spiritual life, even restless youngsters understood. He spoke, as did the Master, with authority.

The word "gentlemen" has come to have a meaning suggesting social prestige. Old "Tommy Herron" never earned more than enough to keep himself in decent clothes and maintain a frugal style of living; but if by gentlemen we mean kindness, culture, and good-will, he qualified one hundred percent. All kinds of people sought his advice although he had very little formal schooling.

No man I have known made me think so much of that striking sentence Saint Paul used when writing to the Corinthians: "Love seeketh not her own." That was it; he never would have said: "I'll have my own." He did not insist even on his rights. It wasn't what he did or said, but what he was that counted. He lived a selfless life—he was that rarity—a gentle man.

I have known quite a lot of men like this; obscure, humble but dependable. They are the salt of the earth although they would be the last people in the world to think it; but there they are, like the foundation stones of a bridge, unseen but necessary.

People like Tommy Herron—whether they are men or women—make me think of Jesus. A lot of belligerent-minded people try to make us think that Jesus was assertive and capable of anger. They are constantly quoting that incident when Jesus made a scourge and drove the money changers out of the temple. From that they work out a system in which Jesus was a he-man, as they term it, subject to passionate outbursts. Not long ago a man who heard me preach on the gentleness of Jesus wrote me a pretty scornful letter in which he said I made Jesus out to be a "sissy". He went on to say what he thought Jesus would say and do in certain emergencies. It was a different Jesus in which I had always believed.

Jesus was gentle, and forgiving, tolerant and selfless. He was quiet, patient and strong, with a sensitive regard for the weakness and frailty of others. Furthermore, I believe that those who live closest to Him will likewise be gentle. A bombastic Christian is a contradiction in terms. Humility is the flag of the lowly.

THE BAFFLES By Mahoney

"I'm only a Cub-scout, ma'am - my scout wouldn't help you much!"

Sunday School Lesson

(Lesson for July 27)

JUSTICE IN COMMUNITY LIFE

Lev. 19; Deut. 15; Rom. 13; James 1; 2

GOLDEN TEXT—Love worketh no ill to his neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Romans 13:10.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Approach to the Lesson

Justice in community life depends ultimately upon the triune God. The person, will, and sovereign oversight of the Father are implied in the repeated words, "I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18). Because He is just and holy, man must be just and holy. The divine will decrees impartial justice; it must be obeyed.

The sacrificial, loving example of the Son is suggested in the words, "our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory" (Jas. 2:1). Christ Jesus, existing from eternity in the bosom of the Father as the Lord of Glory, was willing for the sake of undeserving sinners to make Himself of no reputation and to bear the fearful weight of our human sin. (Study 2 Cor. 8:9; Phil. 2:5-8). His mind must be in His saints. Its presence will exclude partiality and social injustice.

The restraining force of the Holy Spirit, apart from whose work of hindering iniquity, there could be no justice among men, is ever in the background. He both restrains evil and empowers believers for good. His blessed fruit grows in the heart of the yielded child of God.

The true Christian, loving his Heavenly Father, trusting his Saviour, walking in the Spirit, is adequately prepared to mete out justice in community life.

The basis of such justice is clear. Its underlying principle is love for one's neighbor (Lev. 19:18; Jas. 2:9). Note the nature of that love, its source, and its manifestation. The "nature" as itself (Matt. 19:19). This is a high standard. No man ever hates his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it (Eph. 5:29). This involves personal sympathy, understanding, helpfulness, and provision. The source—in one's love for God. Observe how carefully our Lord ties together love for God and man (Matt. 22:37-40). The manifestation—the beautiful fruit it bears. Part of this fruit is the theme of this lesson. Truly love love is the night of the day that your attitudes, outlook, and conduct will breathe the fragrant atmosphere of justice.

Both Moses and James discuss treatment of the rich and poor because (1) the poor are ever with us (see Matt. 26:11); (2) the property issue is an arena where the struggle for justice is often ferocious; (3) the practice of justice in the area of people and their possessions truly exhibits love for his neighbor.

Verse by Verse

Lev. 19:15—"... no unrighteousness in judgment ... not respect ... the poor, nor honour ... the mighty ... in righteousness ... judge thy neighbour." Justice must be impartial, unbiased. Fair verdicts must be rendered; the poor must get his deserts, though his poverty thereby increase; the powerful must not be permitted to sway a court decision.

Verse 16—"Thou shalt not go ... as a talebearer ... neither stand against the blood ... I am the Lord." Slander is vicious. It injures three people: the slanderer, the one slandered, and the one who hears the slander. To "stand against the blood" means either to stand idly by when one's neighbor is in mortal danger or to bring against him murderous, presumably unwarranted, accusations (see Exod. 23:1, 7).

Verse 17—"Thou shalt not hate ... in thine heart ... rebuke thy neighbour ... not suffer sin ... Inward motives are now discussed, moods that prompt unworthy deeds. "In any wise is it" means. Frank presentation of facts to one's neighbor, even scolding, is sometimes necessary. Failure in this matter and continued harboring of a grudge lead one into the sin of cherishing ill will (Eph. 4:26; 1 Tim. 5:20).

Verse 18—"Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge ... thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself; and the Lord, Whom thou lovest, as thyself." The injured party must not seek revenge, but banish from his mind even the memory of the misdeed. This is genuine love. Note "I am the Lord" in verses 16 and 18.

Jas. 2:1—"My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord ... of glory, with respect of persons." The implication is that believers in James' day were guilty of undue discrimination. "Have" is to "hold." The Christ "of glory" laid aside His robes of transcendent light and stooped to human need. Then how can His people neglect the poor in favor of the mighty?

Verse 2—"If ... unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel ... a poor man in vile raiment." "Assembly" is "synagogue"—the only time in the New Testament the Jewish word is applied to a Christian gathering. The contrast is between dandies, gorgeously robed and bejeweled, and poor men in shabby attire.

Verse 3—"Ye have respect ... Sit thou here in a good place ... to the poor, Stand thou there, or ... under my footstool." Making unpleasant comparisons reveals a divided heart. Often the glint of gold attracts the eye of the ushering elder who finds a choice stall for the moneyed worshiper and seats the poor man in a place of lesser dignity (see Matt. 23:6).

Verse 4—"Are ye not then partial ... judges of evil thoughts?"

For Parents Only —

"Healthy Holidays"

by Nancy Cleaver

"Look to your health, and if you have it, praise God, and value it next to a good conscience," wrote the famous angler, Isaak Walton. Parents are eager to have every member of the family in the best possible physical condition, especially during vacation time.

Illness on the part of any member of the family can spoil a holiday. Don't take any chances with drinking water, milk or food. If in doubt about the water, boil it before drinking it. Buy only pasteurized, refrigerated milk. Carry your own supply of baby food, such as pre-cooked cereal and tins of fruit, vegetables and meat. Oranges and fruit are a good investment but wash all fruit thoroughly. Play in the sunshine is valued by parents because they know that the ultra-violet rays of the sun provide the cheapest form of Vitamin D. This vitamin prevents rickets and builds up resistance to colds and other infections.

But fair and red-haired children sometimes receive a bad sunburn when on a holiday and even a brunette can get an uncomfortable burn. A few precautions are important, especially for the very small child acquiring a sun-tan. The sun's rays are strongest during the hours in the middle of the day and on very hot days a child should be kept out of the direct sunshine at that time. Some protection for the head—a cap or hat of some kind, should be worn. It is best to acquire a tan gradually, starting with a short period in the sun and lengthening the time by a few minutes each day. Even on a cloudy day, a child can get a burn. There are various soothing preparations which may be comforting and helpful to a burned skin, but here indeed "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Cream or sun-tan oil rubbed into the skin before exposure help to conserve the natural oils in the skin and prevent sunburn.

In recent years various preparations have been advertised to keep away mosquitoes and black flies. Some of these repellents are a bit strong in their odor but each year they are improved. Cheesecloth sprayed with an insecticide protects a small child in a crib or carriage from bites while he is asleep. The Canadian Entomological branch developed the following excellent repellent for mosquitoes, midges and flies: ½ fluid oz. oil of thyme; 1 fluid oz. concentrated extract of pyrethrum; 2 to 3 fluid oz. castor oil. A camping site should not be chosen near a stagnant pond or a swampy district where mosquitoes breed. A site where the air can circulate easily should be picked.

An inquiring small boy in the woods may be stung by a honey bee or a large bumblebee and if the sting remains in the wound it must be scraped out and antiseptic applied. A hornet sting can cause discomfort, too. The Indians used crushed jewel weed juice on insect stings and it has a soothing effect. Ammonia or baking soda dissolved in water are old-fashioned but satisfactory solutions to apply to an insect sting. Wet mud or clay also relieves the swelling.

A rarer affliction is a snake bite. Harmless snakes leave a row of small punctures on the skin. A poisonous snake usually makes two punctures. A tourniquet should be applied to an arm or leg bitten by a poisonous snake, and if medical help is difficult to obtain quickly, a short cross cut should be made over the punctures and the poison sucked out of the wound. If there are no cuts in the mouth, the poison from the bite will not have ill effects on the mouth or stomach.

Knowledge is power, and parents should teach their children to avoid unnecessary hazards in camping, and also what remedies should be used for accidents. A simple first aid kit should be carried when travelling and a cupboard with medicines in it, which is kept locked or is out of the reach of tiny children, is a necessity at a summer cottage as well as in a permanent home.

May you have the best of health for all the members of your family during your holidays this summer.

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