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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

Extra Schooling Is Well Worthwhile

Being aware of the complexities of this age, and realizing that with increasing modernization, the unskilled workman's job is most likely to disappear, many parents are trying to convince their teenagers to continue with their schooling. After having a summer job and earning money, many of them don't want to go back into the classroom. They want to stretch their summer jobs into permanent ones.

It is hard to argue with students who take this attitude. But, if at all possible, they should be convinced that a couple of years of extra training will pay good dividends in the long run and a greater job security.

Some sound advice has been given by the Department of Labor in Ottawa. It points out that a growing awareness of the need for more education is reflected in industry where educational standards over the past 10 years have become higher and higher. The trend is bound to continue. The job which is open today to the youngster with a grade 10 education may be closed tomorrow to those at this level, and it may be that the young man or woman who has taken such a job has traded the future for a few dollars.

Why Teenage Drivers Need Firm Hand

Teenage motorists who tend to get poor grades in school, are the worst accident risk on the highways and reports show that they lead the trend to "car craziness." In Ontario while just over five percent of all drivers are teenagers, they are involved in more than 12 percent of all highway accidents. In the province of Manitoba, every 100 teenage drivers have an average of 9 accidents a year, compared with only five accidents for every hundred mature

A Human Weakness So Evident Today

Despite the fact that all of us know you get out of life only what you put into it, we keep hoping for something for nothing. It is a human weakness that crops up in so many ways. Here are a few instances listed by a contemporary.

All too often most of us vote for the political candidate who offers us something for nothing. All too often all of us cheer the officeholder who, by plunging our children deeper and deeper into debt, offers us something for nothing.

All too often most of us praise the employer who gives us that which we haven't earned. All too often many of us stand loyal to the union leader who gets us paid for not working.

For Parents Only - "United Front"

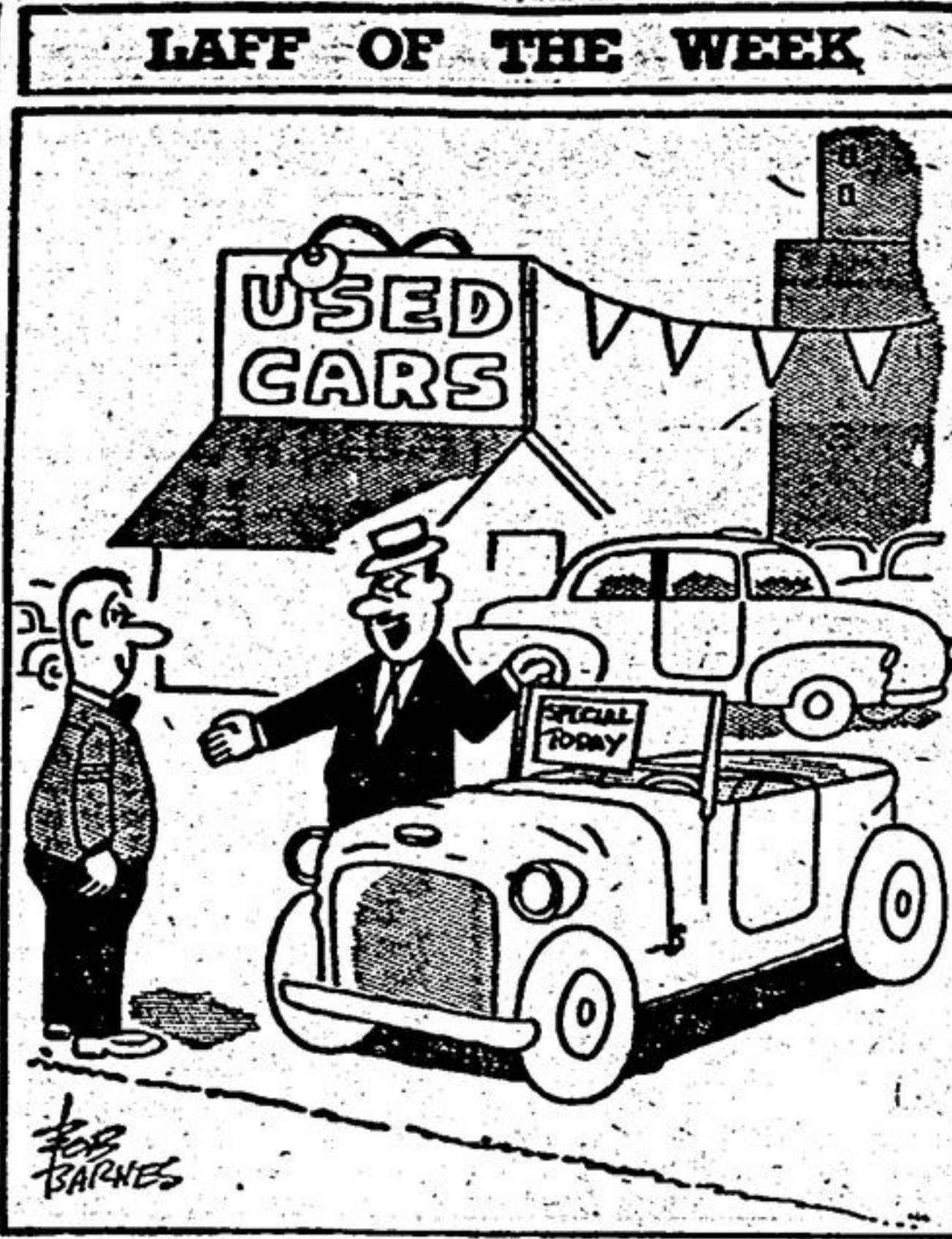
No matter how many or how few children there are in a household, it is imperative that Father and Mother present a united front in dealing with childish problems as well as in disciplinary action. If Mother has established a time for the children to go to bed, Father, if left alone with them at bedtime, must make certain he carries out his wife's schedule. Unexpected situations do arise where it is difficult to maintain this close working agreement. Grandmother arrives in the middle of the morning, bringing a large box of chocolates for her favorite grandson. Father smiles indulgently, with no thought of denying son the right to have a candy or two then and there. But Mother remembers the doctor's orders that Billy must not eat between meals. Therefore, their duty to their guest and their duty to their son collide. If parents disagree on any phase of a child's upbringing, they should discuss the situation in private, and reach a decision acceptable to both. Dr. Donald Soper, the great church leader, stresses unity in the home and when asked about juvenile delinquency he said that the great majority of delinquents are unhappy, bitter youngsters from broken homes. Far from supporting each other, Mother or

Father has walked out and left the child feeling deserted at a critical time of life. "We have made some blunders in bringing up our tribe," a mother confided to a friend. "But there's one principle my husband and I agreed on before our first child was born. We decided that no youngsters of ours would play off one parent against the other." Bringing up children certainly is not an easy job in this age or at any other time. If parents have not talked over their ideas of child guidance, and if they discuss their conflicts in front of their child, they make their task even more difficult. Children need loving, firm discipline. It is confusing to them if Mother vetoes an action which Father believes is permissible under special circumstances. It will often simplify matters if parents keep in mind that they must think of their child's welfare not only today, but tomorrow as well. Little Susan has certainly got herself into a hot scrap with Mary and Jean. In the argument over her chum's doll, the doll was broken as Susan grabbed it. Susan should be made to realize that restitution must be made for a damaged plaything, and the happy way is

to make up and be friends again. Mother and Dad are also thinking of their long range goal for Susan. They want her to grow into an adult who is responsible for property she damages. They also hope she will get along happily with others. If both Mother and Dad are sincerely concerned for Susan, they will be able to agree on the method by which Susan will accept the consequences of her actions. One of the most important decisions Susan's parents will make on her behalf in this and other crises is to stand by each other. (Copyrighted)

To Distribute County Histories

Requests for information on the history of York County have been received by the County Education Committee, and members have agreed to distribute copies of "The Settlement of York County," by John Mitchell, to all schools in the county. Distribution will be made by the school inspectors. Approximately 250 copies are to be made available for this purpose.



Attractive Goodness

The Apostle Paul once wrote to some Christians urging them not only to be good but to present their goodness in an attractive way. Here is what he said: "Let not your good be evil spoken of." I once travelled on a train from Toronto to Montreal with a clergyman who insisted on reading, in a loud tone of voice, passages from the Bible. He also gave a running explanation of it so that a score of people had to listen to him whether they wanted to or not. I know some of them did not enjoy it. It made me think of the story of Charles Lamb. When a clergyman friend asked: "Did you ever hear me preach?" Charles stammered in reply: "I never heard you do anything else!"

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, after communing with God, his face shone with the glory of his experience, but he did not know this. He was quite unconscious of the glory of it. I have a feeling that the best people are like that. They would be the last people in the world to claim moral superiority. As a well-known hymn has it:

"They who faint would serve Thee best
Are conscious most of wrong within."

Speaking for myself there isn't any quality I love more than humility and it goes hand in hand with tolerance. When Michelangelo was working on his colossal statue of David, his friends saw that his own face was changing. As he carved the noble features in marble, the contemplation necessary brought strength and beauty to his own face. He himself, was quite unaware of it.

One day Saint Francis of Assisi, who lived in Italy seven centuries ago, stepped into the cloisters of his monastery and laying his hand on the shoulders of a young monk, he said: "Brother, let us go down into the town and preach." The monk was thrilled, for it was considered to be a great honour to be associated in any way with Saint Francis, and he was a great preacher.

So these two, the eager young monk and the venerable old man, went to the town where they met many friends and they conversed first with one, then the other. They passed through the principal streets and also its lowly alleys and byways and the outskirts of the town. After several hours they returned to the monastery.

The young monk was a little puzzled and disappointed: "When are we going to preach?" he asked. St. Francis answered: "My child, we were preaching as we walked and talked with people. We have been seen, looked at, and our behaviour has been remarked upon wherever we have been. All preaching is not of the pulpit. That last sentence carries what I mean. Genuinely good people are no more self-conscious than a flower of its fragrance. Goodness is attractive, all the more because it does not advertise itself.

Our quotation today is by William Wordsworth: "The best portion of a good man's life are his unremembered acts of kindness and love."

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HALF-PAST TEEN



Farm Ponds Prove Value Against Fire

The multiple value of farm ponds was graphically illustrated last week at Chinguacousy Township when a farm pond designed by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority was credited by firemen with saving the home of farmer Aubrey Livingston when fire destroyed his barn. The pond, located about 25 feet from the barn, supplied firemen with water to pump on to the blaze and keep it from spreading to other farm buildings. Saved were an implement shed, the farmhouse and a milk cooler located in a building adjoining the barn. The buildings were valued at \$40,000. Firemen pumped water for 2 hours and lowered the pond's supply less than one foot. Fire chief Lorne Wilson of Snelgrove said such a pond could have saved a number of farm properties in the past which were destroyed by fire since wells seldom supplied adequate water for fire protection. Mr. Livingston told MTRCA officials that the pond, built originally at a cost of \$250 was "the best and cheapest fire insurance policy" he had ever purchased.

The pond, a dug-out type, filled with water by surface run-off is typical of scores of ponds designed by the conservation authority. Last year the MTRCA designed some 130 farm ponds, and about 200 applications for ponds

How To Prevent Mower Accidents

Haying started into full swing around the province this week, and Ontario Department of Agriculture Safety Specialist H. E. Wright expects to receive accident reports that will include a host of lacerated ankles, sliced-off fingers, and dogs' legs.

"If the pattern of accidents in 1959 follows those of the last few years," reports Wright, "here is some advice that should help a lot of farmers."

Wright suggests the first step is getting the mower into good repair. Sharpen the sickle sections and register them so that they're in alignment. "Sometimes the cutter bar is left in the lowered position when moving the mower from one field to another," adds the safety expert. "This practice sometimes results in the outer shoe catching a gatepost with probable damage being done to the cutter bar or the hinge pins or braces."

"The bar may appear to have suffered no damage, but the sickle may be forced out of register so that the point of the sickle sections don't line up exactly with the centres of the guards."

Wright claims that poor registration of the sickle could cause plugging and in the rush of haying season a farmer could get careless when he tries to unplug it.

"Another perfect setup for lacerated or amputated fingers due to clogging can be caused by a worn cutter bar," adds the safety expert. "The cutter bar may lag, due to accumulated wear. This could cause incomplete shearing of the grass stems and cause the mower to drag and tear off some of these stems instead of cutting them off cleanly."

"Many farmers leave the tractor seat to clear the cutter bar. Since the sickle is moving and can't distinguish between the grass and clover stems and the fingers, you could end up with a 'short' finger or two if you try to clear it, he explains.

Even if you're rushed, the safety expert advises you to take time to shut off the P.T.O. before oiling or cleaning it out. Also, to avoid damage to the bar when transporting it, raise the cutter bar to transport position.

Other safety pointers that Wright suggests are: Keep your dog tied up if he has a habit of following you in the field. He could easily jump through the tall grass in front of the mower and get hurt. Might be a good idea not to have chickens or other livestock in the vicinity either — a mower moving through the grass is hard to see.

Keep fences free of chokecherries and other low-growing brush so they don't plug the mower. Furrows should be at least partially filled before seeding to a hay mixture so the tractor and mower will pass over them more smoothly.

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The Stouffville Lions Club

AL Smalley, Pres. Geo. Williams, Secretary

are presently being processed. The Authority also pays a \$50 subsidy towards the construction of such ponds.

Apart from their fire protection value, the ponds also serve as a water supply for livestock, domestic use, spraying and irrigation. They also have conservation value for recreation and for fish and wildlife production.

RINGWOOD

Nancy Reid of Ringwood and her fiancé Larry Hodgins were guests of honour at the Hodgins family re-union held in Stratford on Sunday and were presented with a beautiful pair of matching table lamps in lieu of a shower for their forthcoming marriage.

NEW COUNTY MAPS COMING

New maps of the County of York are being prepared and will be made available shortly at an estimated cost of \$5 each. Requests for such maps have been received from school teachers and the school inspectors are being invited to make recommendations regarding its preparation.

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