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OUR EDITORIAL COMMENT

What Price Is Life?

It is difficult to ascertain to what financial extent a Township, County or railroad should go to insure the safety of motorists and passengers at rural level crossings. We all realize that the installation and maintenance costs of warning signals are exceedingly high. We all know too, that the responsibility lies heavily on the shoulders of the man behind the wheel. The rail lines are as clearly marked as the majority of highway stop streets and there is little or no reason why one should drive directly into the path of these one-track mechanized monsters. But still it happens, and almost daily, lives, both young and old, are snuffed out in a split-second of error.

It was interesting to note last week, that Whitchurch Township Council decided against bearing their share of the costs of signals on a rural sideroad, north of Gormley. The expense involved for the township would have been \$960 for installation and \$300 annually for maintenance. The members contended that other crossings in the municipality were equally as dangerous and

to equip them all with warning lights would constitute a heavy financial burden.

We do not know the reason behind the request for signals at this particular crossing, but feel that residents must have had a definite purpose in mind. We do know that at least one life has been claimed there in an accident some five years ago. This, in itself would be suitable grounds for their request.

To accept or reject such a project places a council in a difficult position. Should another fatality occur at this particular crossing, every resident in the section would be criticizing the members for their lethargy. Should council heap a tax burden on the ratepayers and install signals at every rural rail line in the municipality, then a similar hue and cry would be heard throughout the township. We believe that council acted wisely in considering the need for signals according to the traffic on the road. Although we agree that one life cannot be measured in dollars and cents, some responsibility must be born by the man behind the wheel.

Teachers Gain Knowledge Through Travel

There was a time when Public School teachers would spend their summer vacation period completing extension courses or augmenting their once-meagre salaries with a part-time job. The trend has changed, however, during the past few years. Although many staff members still attend summer school, many others are broadening their knowledge through travel. It has not been unusual for these young men and

women to enjoy coast to coast trips across Canada or even visit the British Isles and Europe.

Why shouldn't these teachers take advantage of the two-month holiday period and free themselves from the work-a-day confusion of public school life? It has always seemed somewhat regrettable that they are expected to tie themselves to a vacation summer course when such confinement cannot actually be regarded as a holiday.

Taxpayer Pays for His TV

Much news has come out of Ottawa recently which may be quite a surprise to a lot of Canadian taxpayers, but not to those in the advertising business such as ourselves. While Canadian tax-paying newspapers such as this one, magazines, radio and private TV stations, work hard for every dollar they make, the government-owned CBC gives away advertising at bargain rates, letting

the taxpayer pay the difference in cost between what the sponsor pays and what the program actually costs.

Canadian taxpayers, it was recently revealed, paid out \$36,000 tax dollars to watch a CBC Folio show. What really hurts is that taxpayers share the cost of sponsored programs for such firms as Imperial Tobacco and Texaco. John Public also helped out General Motors on a recent program to the tune of \$13,408.

Don't Be A Farm Accident Victim

An estimated 1200 farm people are killed in accidents every year in Canada, and 100,000 are injured says the Ontario Safety League. It is to combat this tragic toll that safety-minded groups across the country are working to support Farm Safety Week, July 19-25. "Safety Makes Sense."

Highway traffic is the leading killer of farm residents. But, on actual farmlands and around service buildings, machinery claims the greatest number of victims, as can be seen from this percentage breakdown of fatal accidents: Machinery 34.11, Drowning 15.04, Firearms 11.99, Falls 9.10, Blows 5.74, Burns 5.15, Animals 4.90, Electrical current 3.41, Lightning 2.53, Poisoning 1.64, Suffocation 1.39 and Other 5.00.

The biggest single death-dealing

instrument in the machinery category is the tractor, which accounts for one-third of machinery deaths. A tragic and illuminating fact is the report that each year more fatal tractor accidents occur in the 10-14 year age group than in any other age category. This seems to suggest strongly that young people not adequately qualified to handle tractors are being allowed to operate them.

Four general principles for reducing machinery accidents which are well known to competent farmers but not always followed are: 1. Make sure that all farm equipment is kept in safe operating condition. 2. Keep guards and safety devices in place. 3. Always stop machines before unclogging, oiling and adjusting. 4. Do not allow machinery to be used by anyone of uncertain competence and reliability.

Dr. Hannam Speaker For National Farm Safety Week, July 19 to 25

Canada's farmers are becoming more and more efficient, capable of greatly increased productivity, and output per man hour. The Royal Commission on Canada's Economic Prospects in its study "Output, Labour and Capital in the Canadian Economy" shows that from 1947 to 1955, man hour productivity, expressed in constant dollars, increased by 68% in agriculture, and by 22% in the rest of industry. This increase in output per man hour has been made possible by the increased use of machines and mechanized equipment. While these machines have increased the efficiency of the farm, they have

at the same time brought a wider range of hazards to agriculture.

July 19-25th is National Farm Safety Week in Canada, and it is in the interests of all farm people to observe this period by not only preventing accidents, but by bringing about practices and methods that will safeguard human life all year round.

There are thousands of ways that you can prevent accidents and side-step the pain, suffering and financial loss resulting from accidents around the farm. On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, I appeal to farmers from coast to coast to participate in the observation of National Farm Safety Week, July 19 to 25, 1959.

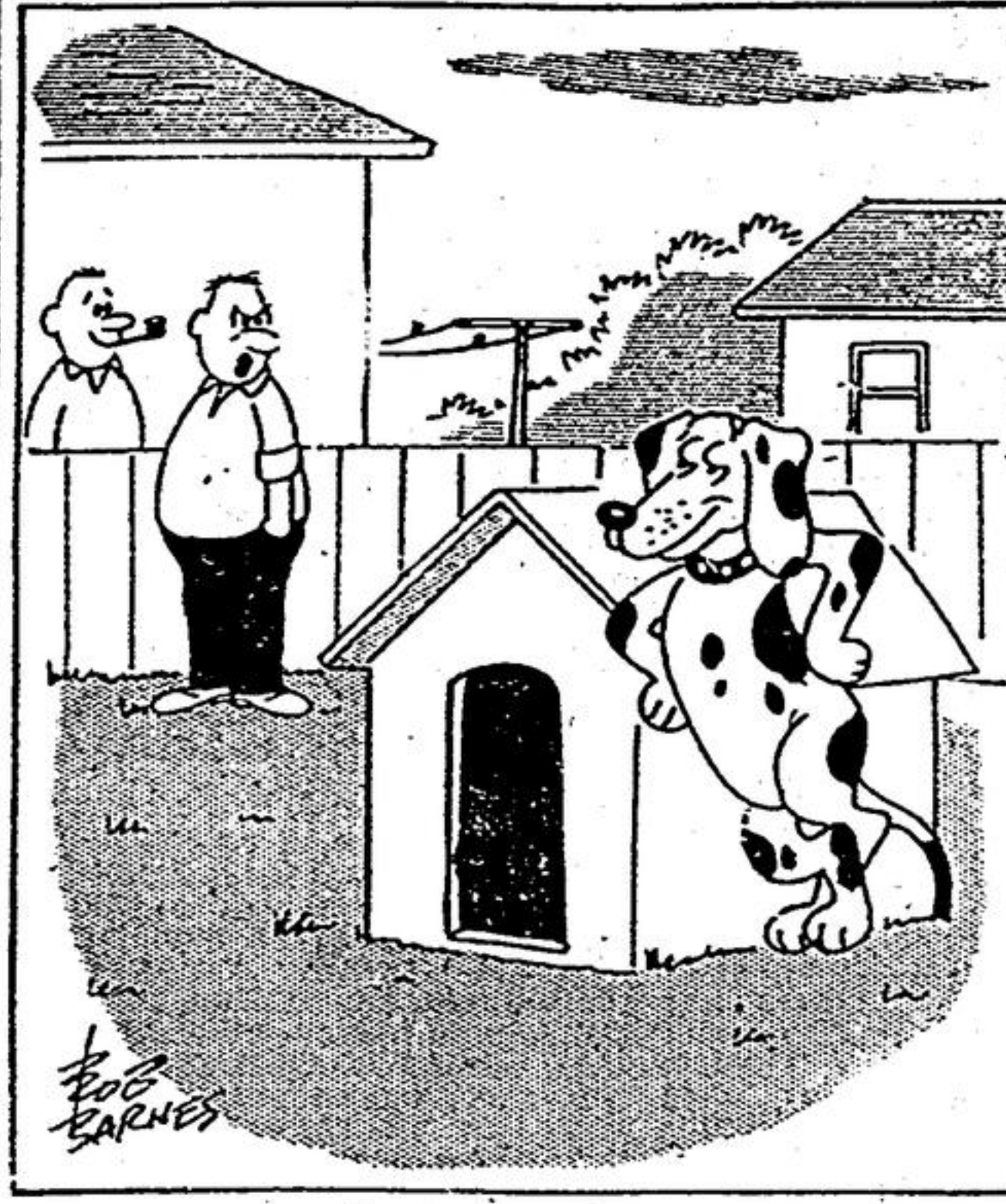
Never judge the value of the contents of a girl's head by the number of locks on it.

A stock split has been defined as a device for making divisions seem like multiplication.

Numerous neck ill are traceable to the mouth, according to a doctor. Keep your mouth shut or you may get it in the neck.

If you goof and nobody notices, you'd better start worrying about your importance.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"I never saw such an optimist—he thinks the world is going to the dogs!"

Tribune Now In 70th Year Of Publication

The Stouffville Tribune has passed another milestone, entering its 70th year of publication. While founded in 1838, the newspaper completed its first complete year in 1839. Records show that the Tribune opened up with a subscription list of five hundred and fifty copies. One of the early operators was Frank Porter. There followed, William Malloy, Fred Madill and William Marr during the first thirty years.

In the fall of 1922, the Stouffville Tribune was purchased by the late A. V. Nolan, father of the present publisher.

From a modest beginning in a small store, The Tribune has grown considerably. It now occupies about three thousand sq. ft. of floor space, and is still quite congested. The number of copies printed each week has risen to 3,600, and the full-time members of the staff number eleven. In addition there are several part-time writers and more than twenty rural correspondents.

The Tribune has developed a large commercial printing trade

which, in addition to the newspaper, utilizes three automatic presses and three type-setting machines. Two monthly trade bulletins are issued at the plant as well as a number of annual publications. Largest of the latter is the Canadian Securities Manual, a 144-page hand book with a circulation of nearly 24,000 copies.

In the early days The Tribune shared Stouffville's publishing business along with the Covington Bros. who operated the Free Press, beginning in 1893.

The printing business goes back, however, to an even earlier date. In 1838 following the rebellion, John Boyer purchased Wm. Lyon Mackenzie's wooden press and set it up in Stouffville and for some years it was the only press in this part of the country. For years it was operated by the Wheelers who later took the machine to Uxbridge. Other early newspapers were the Stouffville Alert, published by Mr. J. Wideman and the Stouffville Advance operated by Mr. Pemberton.



Invincible Spirit

It isn't so much what happens to people in life that matters but the way they take it. The same wind that blows out a match fans a flame to a greater extent. An experience which makes one man bitter and resentful serves another as a stepping stone to higher and to better things.

Fanny Crosby, the blind composer of a number of hymns, was born in America in 1820 and lived to the age of ninety-five. She was only a baby six weeks old (and had been born with perfect eyesight) when she caught cold in her eyes and severe inflammation followed. Their own family doctor was away and the stranger who came in his place advised that hot poultices be put on the baby's eyes. Some mistake had been made, with the result that Fanny became totally blind.

Later on in life she says, "I have never once in my long and happy life felt a spark of resentment against that doctor, because I have always believed that God, by this means, consecrated me to the work I am still permitted to do." What a striking illustration of the truth St. Paul expressed when he said, "All things work together for good to them that love God!"

One day the great English novelist, Arnold Bennett, was sitting in a restaurant in London. He saw a fat, ugly, grotesque-looking woman come in and sit down nearby. The sight of her excited amusement among other customers, amusement not untinged with ridicule. As Bennett watched her and took in the situation, he reminded himself that she had probably once been a young and attractive girl, with charm in form and movement, and he asked himself the question: what is it that comes into people's lives which so completely changes them from being attractive to being an object of ridicule? That led to his writing one of the greatest novels of modern times, "Old Wives Tale."

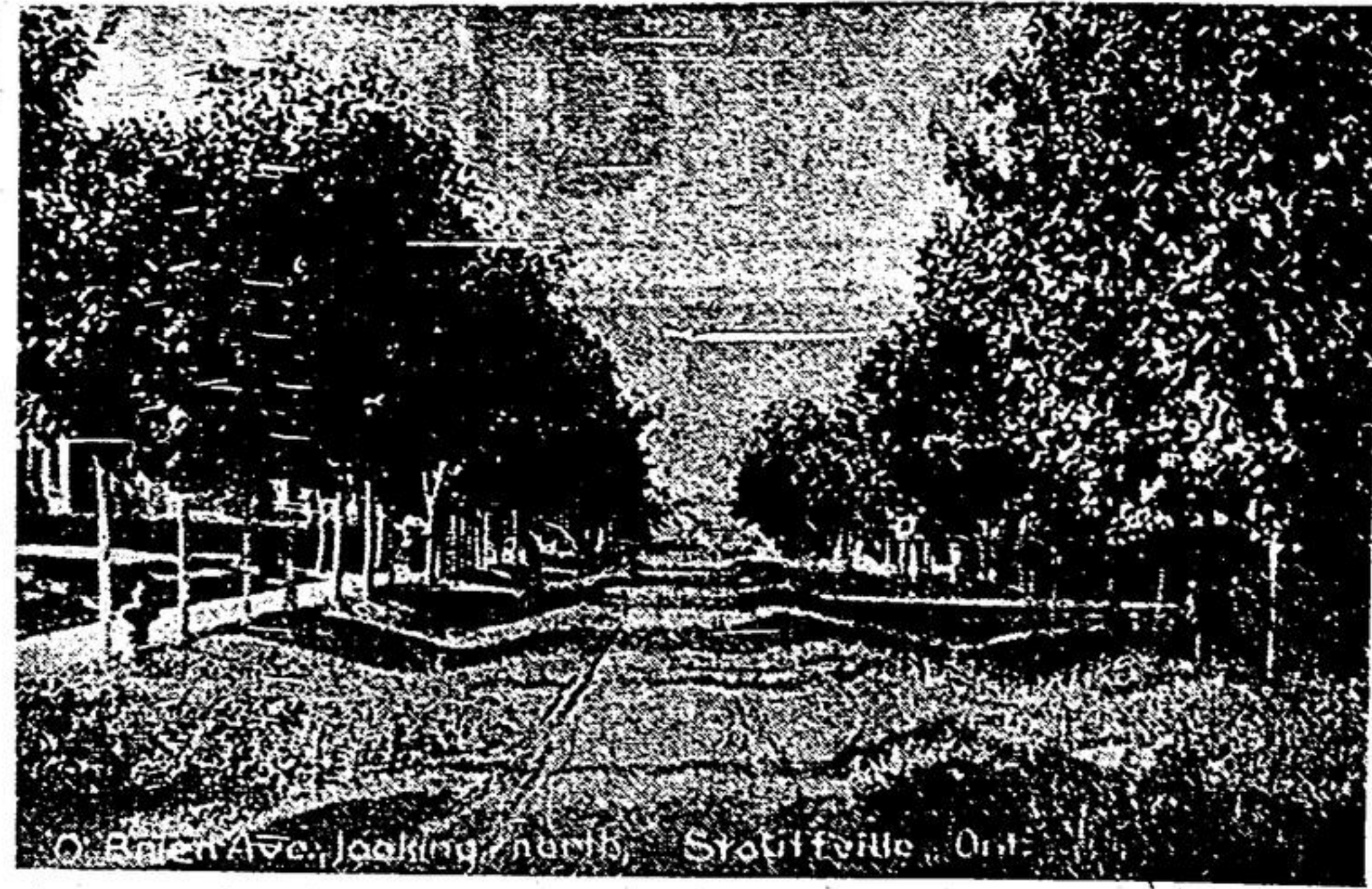
One often wonders what it is that causes, not the lessening of physical charm, but the decay of moral force in so many lives. It is a sad picture, and one upon which we do not care to dwell too much. Yet there need not be this withering blight in middle life. Surely God can deliver people from the destruction that wasteth at noonday. It is possible to carry on through middle, and into old age, charm and sweetness and beauty. That is one of the true messages of all spiritual religion; God keeps a light, the glow of His love, in human hearts.

The philosopher, Montaigne said; "Old age sets more wrinkles on the spirit than on the face." This does not always happen and it need not. Many of the best natured people in the world, are living on borrowed time, if we accept the Psalmist's span of seventy.

There can be no defeat of the truly religious. There is a life which survives all destructive forces. By His grace God redeems life from cynicism and despair. When the novelist, George MacDonald was asked if he believed man had a soul, he replied: "I do not care to put it that way; man is a soul and has a body." As Socrates said of his judges: "No evil thing can befall a good man." That is to say, no circumstance need be allowed to crush his spirit.

Our quotation today is by Henry Austin. "Unless you are beaten within, you're bound to win."

You Can Buy Business Machines At THE TRIBUNE



Remember When?

O'Brien Avenue was only a buggy track, sixty years ago. This scene was looking north on O'Brien Ave. in 1895, taken from the corner of Burkholder St. which was little more than

a lane at that time, running west a short distance. Even in those days, Stouffville was blessed with a municipal water system as evidenced by the hydrants on the street. The first home on O'Brien Ave.

was the residence now occupied by Clifford Hisey. The builder was William Rowden. Other early homes there were built by Peter Fleury, Jos. Nendiek, Christie Turner and John Wallace.

Don't Call Ministers Reverend; It's Wrong

Many people address clergymen incorrectly. Protestant clergymen should be addressed as "Mr. Smith" and Roman Catholic priests, "Father Smith."

It is incorrect to address a clergyman as "reverend," said Very Rev. Finlay G. Stewart of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, past president of the Kitchener Ministerial Association.

"Pastor is a very common title in Kitchener," he said. "That would be a correct title in cases where the clergyman is pastor of his church."

"Reverend" is more an adjective than a title and should not be used unless followed by the title "Mister" or the clergyman's name, says Rev. John C. Bothwell, writing in the Anglican Fredericton Diocese News.

"Father" is an accepted title of personal address, he says. Clergymen should not be called "doctor" unless they have received a university doctorate. If this is the case, he is referred to as Rev. Dr. Smith.

When referring to a minister, he is called Rev. Mr. Smith, or a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Father Smith. Jewish clergymen are called "rabbi" when addressed and introduced.

Canons are addressed by their titles as are deans and monsignors.

Stop Damage To Evergreens

To keep your favourite evergreen shrubs and trees "ever-green", it might pay to respect the work of several pests, and treat for their damage—before it's too late.

Many families spend hundreds of dollars on evergreens," says Provincial entomologist H. W. Goble. "And yet, when insects attack, their damage goes beyond the pocketbook—it means a nasty scar on the appearance of the home grounds."

No doubt everyone is familiar with the small, white, barely visible scales that adorn junipers. All varieties may be attacked, but when Savin, Pfitzer and Irish Junipers are doing poorly, look to the Juniper Scale as the most likely cause.

Try Malathion to thwart the scale. A suggested dosage is 4 tablespoons of wettable powder to 1 gallon of water. Spray this between July 1 and 15. Malathion is more effective when the temperature is high. Malathion is NOT recommended for Canada's Junipers.

Dead buds or shoots on Scots, Mugho, and Red Pine, coupled with a general stunted untidiness, can usually be traced to the Pine Shoot Moth.

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Golfers say they play the game for exercise, yet they try to drive the ball in a straight line so as to walk the shortest distance, and also they try to use as few strokes as possible.

It is conservatively estimated that 98.76 percent of people would rather talk than think.

You can depend on the real estate dealer to say a lot when you ask him what to invest in.

Cheer up! Your neighbor will return your power mower just as soon as it runs out of gas.

"Truth is stranger than fiction—and at times these days one wonders if it isn't also rarer."

For Parents Only - A Year of Happy Days

How many things go into making a little child's day? Mothers often think of caring for their children in terms of nourishing meals, attractive, suitable clothes, a comfortable bed, and a place of his own in the home. But happiness, woven in and out of a child's day, is very important, too. Frequently, emotional upsets or undesirable habits can be traced to inner turmoil and unhappiness. What are some of the elements that make for normal growth and a satisfying day for the average pre-school youngster?

He needs to know what to expect in his day. That's where a routine comes in—not a very rigid one, where mealtime cannot change by five or ten minutes when an unexpected event occurs, nor yet such a flexible one that it is scarcely a schedule at all. A child needs a routine whereby he gets up, goes to the toilet, washes, dresses, has his breakfast, and carries through the rest of his day with the minimum of direct commands. Mother shouldn't have to give continual orders, because his meals, play time, rest and so on, follow a similar pattern each day.

Another constituent in a happy day is a great deal of activity out of doors. A boy or girl needs a safe place for fun outside and enough play equipment to escape boredom. A homemade ladder, a slide, a little playhouse, a sandbox, a barrel with the ends knocked out, a ball, large blocks—these form inexpensive outdoor play material that a child can use to advantage. A child wants to run and play and swing and slide. His big muscles crave exercise in the fresh air and sunshine. The child on a farm, who can roam his Dad's fields, has a distinct advantage over his city cousin.

City mothers may often leave their children with friends where there is an opportunity to play with other children. Rural mothers arrange a co-operative day time baby-sitting plan which frees mothers for an afternoon, and gives children an opportunity for play.

The child who does have the chance to play with other children soon shows how much he enjoys their society. Children should always be supervised to some extent in their play, and provided with play equipment that is suitable. This is an exacting job, but it does make happy youngsters and makes them better prepared to start school.

Of course, the biggest factor in a young child's satisfying day is the loving relationship with his parents. Mother and Dad loom so large in his small world. If he is accepted as he is, if he receives affection and patience and understanding, he may feel like Christopher Robin when he said: "Thank you, God, for a happy day! Are you giving your child, the experience he needs for a year of happy days?"

A child requires suitable in-

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