

Editorials

Defeating Their Own Purpose

If you are a lover of television detective stories, you may have, by chance, tuned in on channel 2, Buffalo, on Saturday evening at seven o'clock. The story was centred around the activities of two juvenile gangs and vividly portrayed the police department's action in controlling juvenile delinquency. Hardly had the tale reached the peak of excitement, when the commercial cut in. It pictured a group of young people, both boys and girls, seated on the ground around a campfire. On the screen

flashed a large, bottle of American ale with the following quotation—"Be the life of the party, serve—" "The beer for young moderns".

Although there are many who will argue that alcoholic beverages have no connection with juvenile delinquency, we feel that there is a close relationship between the two. We felt that the commercial had partially if not entirely defeated the purpose of the story. We feel that alcohol and "youth" just don't mix, whether it be on a TV serial or in real life.

A Bailiff? Not By Today's Standards

On Monday, Jan. 4th, Mr. Edward Wurm passed away. He is gone, but the warmth of his personality will long be remembered by every man, woman and child in Markham Village who might have had the fortunate experience to have met this genial gentleman. During his life span of more than eighty years he held a number of positions, including a fireman, an engineer, a mail carrier, an expressman and a bailiff. By today's standards, the latter office does not fit into the picture that one's memory recalls. Mr. Wurm was a bailiff, yes, but in name only when one compares his actions with that of men in similar rank.

The late Mr. Wurm was a friend of the friendly and the friendless.

He was kind, generous and considerate, three components that are difficult to find in the make-up of our modern "give or we take" men. Mr. Wurm was justly proud of his past railroad career and distinguished postal record. He never seemed to regard his position of bailiff in the same light. Bailiff work just wasn't his line. He could give but couldn't take. He would help but wouldn't hinder. He wanted to make friends; he hated making enemies. He loved to be liked; he disliked being disliked.

The Village of Markham or any other comparable town can ill afford to lose a gentleman of Mr. Wurm's qualities. They are difficult to replace. "Ed" Wurm will never be replaced.

Should Join Forces

The destruction by fire of the near-century old Baptist Church in the hamlet of Whitevale is, indeed a regrettable loss. A loss in the sense that the structure was a district landmark. No doubt, the members of the congregation must regard it as a personal loss, but should they consider it in this light? We don't think so.

We viewed the fire scene on the following day. Little remains of the once-proud edifice that was erected by the district pioneers back in 1870. Even the basement is damaged beyond repair. Although some members have given thought to the erection

of a new building, we, as a neutral bystander, cannot see any possible good reason for such a consideration. The hamlet of Whitevale has two remaining churches, one United and one Baptist. We cannot understand why the two Baptist congregations could not join forces and meet congenially under one roof. This would provide an immediate solution to the present problem.

It is rather difficult to ascertain how a hamlet of less than 300 residents can properly support three separate churches. At the moment, the fire may represent a tragic loss. Under proper guidance, it could be a blessing in disguise.

How About Putting YOUR Shoulder To The Wheel?

We believe that it's the same all around the district — not many turn out for the meetings. Just the old faithful few, and could be they're getting fed up with being the "good Joes".

This applies most noticeably to recreation. Coaches, managers, instructors, and others are willing to give hours of their leisure time to do this type of work. There are those too, who believe that there should be organizations to promote community betterment, to say nothing of the host of Sunday School workers. But could just be, they may begin to resent being "baby sitters".

There is small encouragement if parents of the boys and girls too, do not show by their presence at meetings; that they appreciate this work, and are willing to do some small part

themselves, even if it is only to attend the events at which the children perform.

There is little success in trying to reach these parents who don't care what their children are doing and would sooner sit home watching TV, while the youngsters range the streets.

However, we believe the great majority of parents are interested in their children. Perhaps they just haven't thought about the moral obligation they assume when they send them off to join this organization or the other, be it church or municipal.

You'll never teach your children citizenship unless you practise it yourself. The closest place to do this is in supporting those organizations which are established to help your youngsters.

Reading — Is It Increasing or Decreasing?

In Stouffville this question would seem to be answered in affirmative. Stouffville's library circulation is steadily climbing. According to a report carried in last week's Tribune, circulation has been steadily climbing during the last sixty years, although Stouffville has only had a Carnegie Library since 1923. It has risen more than four times the original figure while the population has increased only a little over three times in the last sixty years.

But in the Dominion as a whole, surveys show that the reading habits have slipped. About 40% reading a book a week in 1945 and only 31% in 1953, and a further drop to 26% in 1959.

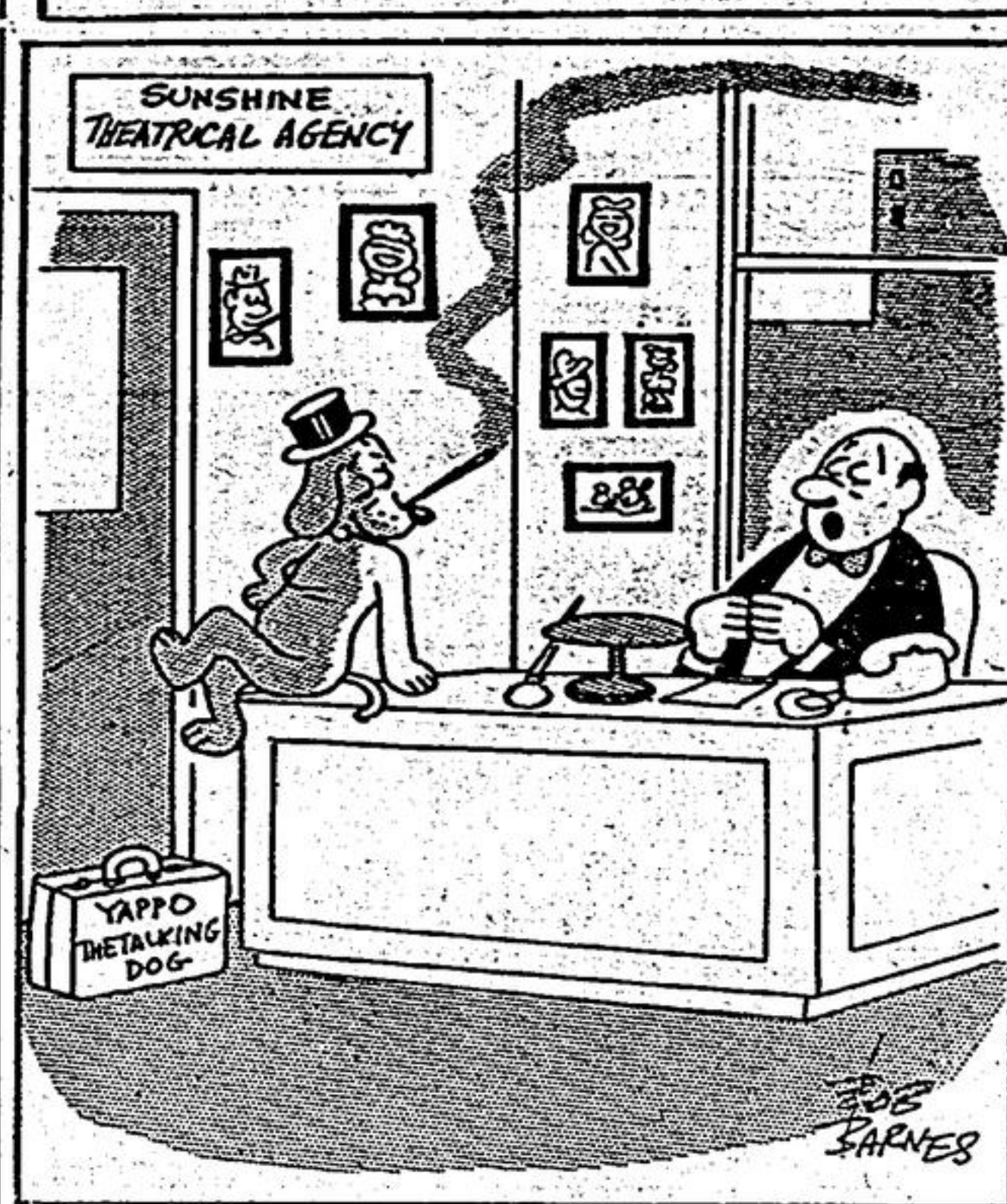
Designed to spark more interest in reading and in library facilities, a

national six-week campaign is being planned, to culminate in Canadian Library Week, April 3rd to 9th. Patron is the Prime Minister of Canada, John Diefenbaker. The event is to be sponsored by the Canadian Library Week Council, the Canadian Library Association, librarians, publishers and other interested parties.

We think the idea is a fine one, and particularly so, since we have such fine library facilities in Stouffville, and have had for many years. While the local circulation has been increasing, the library facilities are still far from being used to the extent to which they should.

The slogan of the forthcoming Library Week, will be a three-volume one: read for pleasure, read for profit and read for progress.

LAFF OF THE WEEK



"By the way, whatever happened to that other fellow who used to be in your act?"

Sugar and Spice

By BILL SMILEY

Bought about my eleventh-month swappstakes ticket the other day. I could line the walls of my study with old ones, if I had a study. They're sort of pretty, too, with that chubby dame on the front staring at you quizzically, and practically saying: "Sucker!"

Every time I buy one, I kick myself. "Why are you doing this?" I ask me in disgust. "First of all, it's against the law. Second, you don't give a tuppence's tart about helping out the Irish, hospitals. Third, if you have the odd quid to throw around, why don't you give it to something worthwhile, like the establishment of a school where people could learn to smile, in twelve easy lessons, attractive partners, no experience necessary?"

But every time I give myself a going-over like that, a still, small voice within me says: "Aw shaddup. This time we're gonna win 'er. Seventy thousand singles of the glorious green. Can't miss. Gotta feelin'." This tiny voice is known as Human Nature or Arrant Greed, depending on whether it's your own or somebody else's.

It's a fact, though, that every time I pay over part of the grocery money for one of those little off-pink sheets with all the fine print on them, I do have a sudden, dazzling vision of winning \$70,000, or whatever it is they give you. It must be something like one of those spells in which a Holy Roller sees the vision and starts to roll.

Trouble is, something always jurs me out of my trance before I can build up the faith and really get into it. I'm sitting in the office, clutching my sweeps ticket. I'm looking out the window. I don't see the snow belting down and miserable fellow-townsman crouching their way through it, noses dripping.

No, what I see is the white gleaming beach at Rio, as the plane dips its wing to make the circuit of Sugar Loaf mountain. Or the firm, brown, Spanish serving-wench setting up breakfast on the terrace overlooking the Mediterranean. Or the agile, frizzy-headed kid scrambling up the palm tree on Koalahuao, to fetch me a fresh coconut.

And just about then a metallic Canadian voice clangs into my reverie with "say, I wanna pudanadentia paper. I got some real good pigs for sale" and I know I'm back, I haven't won the sweeps, it's snowing outside, and it's the middle of January in the true north strong and freezing.

However, Hope springs eternal in the human breast, as the old Norse folk-song has it. I wish Faith and Charity would make it a sister act. Nothing will ever convince me that I'm not going to win the next sweeps-sakes. And I don't mean one of those piddling consolation prizes either. I mean the bundle. It's got to happen soon, while I have a modicum of health and a vestige of youth left, or it's too late. Next summer, I'll be 40. After that, who cares?

The first thing I'm not going to do with the money is buy a house. That's all those dopes can ever say who are interviewed after they win one. I've got a house, of sorts. Why waste money building a fancy new one? And have some bunn living in it fifty years from now, curse me up and down because I made such a mess of building his house.

The second thing I'm not going to do is put it in a trust account so my kids can go to

college. My kids can get through college the same way I did, by borrowing the money from one of their uncles. Nor do I plan to invest it for my old age. If I get hold of that \$70,000, I'll never live to a ripe old age, I can guarantee that.

With a bankroll like that, I'll live like a millionaire. First, I'll get credit cards, good anywhere, for everything from dinners to dancing girls. These won't cost me a nickel. Then I'll buy a whole flock of plane tickets, on the Buy Now—Pay Later plan. I'll outfit the whole family from top to toe using my credit cards.

Then, away we go. Trips around the world and back. Visits to all the exotic places, the lush spots, the forbidden fields. Tutor for the kids. French maid for Mom. Swedish masseuse for Dad. Their salaries would be the only expense, as everything else would go on credit cards.

We'd see the world in high style for about two years. At the end of that time, I figure the FBI and the Mounties would be closing in. We'd ship the kids, C.D.O., back to one of their aunts in Canada. We'd sock the remaining \$50,000 into a Swiss bank, and retire to live happily on the interest, for our brief, remaining span, on the golden isle of Majoreca. Our only extravagance would be the occasional dispatch to credit card companies and airlines, of cables saying: "So, sue me!"

For Parents Only

YOUR CHILD'S REPORT CARD

Report cards vary in different areas, but no matter what their form, this is usually a controversial subject. There are some parents who pour scorn on the new ideas in education. They have no use for modern report cards. The old competitive urge to know if Junior "beat" Tommy Jones, down the street, in his school report is strong in them. But that is a rather unproductive attitude. So is berating the child who makes a poor showing on his report card.

Today's report card usually covers the whole year. The parents can see at a glance, not where the child stands in the class, but how his grading compares with the average of other students. Thus it can be seen whether he is making progress from term to term in different subjects, habits and skills. Many teachers no longer use marks but substitute the grading, "Excellent," "Satisfactory" and "Unsatisfactory."

His Character

In quite a number of schools, one page of the report is devoted to scholarship, giving the pupil's rating and the median or middle mark for the class for the three terms and for the final report. Another page is reserved for Character Development. This in turn is subdivided thus:

- 1. Personal Social Habits: Is courteous; is dependable; respects rules and regulations of the school; works and plays well with others; is careful of public and private property.
- 2. Study and Work Habits: Is industrious; brings necessary supplies to school; attends to instructions; concentrates during study; does neat written work.

There is room for special notes to the parents and a suggestion that the report is for the information both of the pupil and the parent. Both are invited to discuss any special point with the teacher or principal by appointment.

Definite Goal

In other report forms there are specific suggestions under health work and social habits. Both types of report form a guide to parents in knowing what the teacher expects of scholars. These definite goals, even if they are in some cases not easy to attain, are useful to fathers and mothers in keeping home procedure in line with these school techniques.

What does a child think when his parents look over his school report card, whatever form it takes?

Rightly, he hopes for praise for the things which he has done well. Few of us are half-generous enough with our commendations. It does so much to a child (indeed to anyone), and it costs so little.

No Fears

Perhaps he fears a scolding for poor standing—but scoldings are seldom any use. Children

Urge More Harmony Between Councils and School Boards At Federal Meeting

Mr. Ron Mercer of the Stouffville Dist. High School staff was among the 250 delegates from all parts of Ontario who attended the three-day annual assembly of the 11,000 member Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

Don Thomas, principal of Ingersoll District Collegiate Institute, Ingersoll, Ont., was elected president of the federation for 1960. Greater independence for trustees was urged by Dr. H. O. Barrett, retiring president of OSSTF.

In his presidential address he suggested the blurring between boards of education and municipal councils should be ended. One means of ending such disputes, he thought, would be legislation to give boards of education the right to fix their own mill rates.

"The financial responsibility of boards of education is well established by law," said Dr. Barrett. "If most councils operated as quietly and efficiently as school boards, we might have fewer petty political struggles cluttering up the pages of our newspapers."

"The spectacle of municipal councillors lecturing trustees for alleged extravagance is a farce put on annually."

Dr. Barrett also said secondary school teachers might usefully be given some of the freedom from supervision and inspection enjoyed by university professors.

Nearly half of Ontario's boards of trustees have accepted the

four levels of professional certification established by the federation following last year's assembly. Seventy-three percent of Ontario's teachers are paid on the basis of the four levels provide.

Dean B. C. Diltz of the Ontario College of Education told the annual dinner of OSSTF that teachers should not lose sight of the real end of education. "Knowledge," he said, "that is not rooted in the verification rather than the variation of observation, is as useless as tumbleweed. Facts are alive when they direct thought."

Dean Diltz predicted that Ontario secondary schools will need more than three times as many teachers in 1969 as they will need next year. Ontario will need 7,000 new secondary school teachers in 1969, compared with 2,000 next year.

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BUT LET'S FACE IT... MAKE ME STAY ALL NIGHT AT GRANDMA'S HOUSE WILL YA?

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for January 17)

THE GOSPEL VERSUS LEGALISM

Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-16 GOLDEN TEXT—A man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ. — Gal. 2:16.

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

Acts 15 describes the first great controversy in the history of the church. It was critical and severe. But it produced a statement by the Jerusalem assembly which has become the Magna Charta of Christian liberty, an emancipation proclamation which thrills the soul.

On the one hand were the legalists, steeped in Mosiac tradition (verses 1, 5). God had given to Abraham the rite of circumcision, a sign and seal that he and his descendants were the peculiar people of God. For almost 2,000 years orthodox Jews had observed the custom. The Law of Moses, given about 500 years after Abraham, had not eliminated circumcision. It had simply revealed the will of God for His covenant people.

Now Christ had come and saved His people from their sins. The free offer of the Gospel was extended to Gentiles as well as Jews. Why should not the new converts be compelled to conform to rites and laws which had been in vogue for so many centuries? Why should exceptions to the God-ordained procedure be made?

The Jerusalem Council (A.D. 50) met the situation with courage and in the Holy Spirit. Its verdict was clear: the only way of salvation is through grace by faith plus nothing (verse 11). The Heart of the Lesson

The two central thoughts in the general letter (15:20, 23, 30) of the Jerusalem council are Christian liberty and charity.

Liberty — The champions of Christian freedom were Peter, Barnabas, and Paul. Peter reminded his audience that his visit to the home of the Gentile Cornelius was of God (15:7; see

10:19, 20). The Holy Spirit came upon Gentile believers in Caesarea (15:8; see 10:44). Just as He had upon Hebrew Christians previously. Obviously then, from the divine point of view, uncircumcised Gentiles were as acceptable to the Lord as were circumcised Hebrews. There was "no difference" (15:9) spiritually between them. Why then should the church compel Gentiles to be circumcised when God was welcoming them in their uncircumcision?

Barnabas and Paul then spoke. They repeated their report given previously in Antioch (14:27) and in Jerusalem (15:4), stressing the fact that God had put His approval upon their ministry to uncircumcised Gentiles by granting them miraculous powers (15:12). Was that not adequate proof that circumcision was unnecessary for Gentile believers?

James, brother of Christ, summed up the matter by an appeal to the Old Testament. Amos, he declared, clearly predicted the inclusion of Gentiles in God's saving purposes (verse 17). Why then force them to adopt the distinctly Hebrew ceremony of circumcision?

Charity — The matter seemed to be settled. But James was wise as well as orthodox. He suggested that while the Gentiles should not be annoyed by excessive legislation, at the same time they should be warned to abstain from conduct that might cause the Hebrews to stumble.

The Council singled out and prohibited four practices which were particularly offensive (vv. 20, 29). The purpose of these prohibitions was not to put the Gentiles under a yoke of bondage. They were forever free in the liberty of Christ. It was rather to remind them of God's holy will (versus fornication) and of their duty to be helpful and charitable toward their Hebrew neighbors (versus eating tainted food). They were to enjoy their freedom, but, in the interests of thoughtful kindness, not to parade or flaunt it before others.

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