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Editorial

Money Down The Drain

Every year, surrounding townships spend thousands of dollars on the purchase of calcium chloride for rural roads only to see it disappear within a matter of weeks. If these applications of dust-layer are approved by councils only to restrain the wrath of the ratepayers, then we would question the sound reasoning behind such a short-range plan. If, however, the calcium is used to solidify the gravel base in preparation for permanent pavement, then the program has real merit. We feel, perhaps, that this is not always the case.

Within a two-week period, the Township of Pickering has approved the purchase of over \$15,000 worth of flake and liquid calcium. This figure

alone, is a large chunk out of the municipality's entire 1960 road budget. In the Township of Whitchurch, the calcium costs during 1959 reached a stupendous total. Will it be repeated again this year, next year and so on?

We would suggest that each rural resident should, if he so desires, pay for and distribute sufficient dustlayer in front of his own premises during the summer months. Through this practice, thousands of road department dollars could be re-directed toward a paving program that would require a minimum of maintenance. We would contend that continuous applications of calcium is only money down the drain.

Too Easily Recognized

It would appear that the fate of all future motorcycle parties was sealed when a platoon of these joyriders and their lady escorts shattered the evening stillness of the Cedar Grove countryside some two years ago. In a well-organized manoeuvre, a small detachment of Markham Township police officers crashed the party and the wholesale roundup was given front page publicity in every newspaper throughout the province. Unwelcomed in Markham, the blackpacketed youths turned their twowheeled bikes toward Brougham in the Township of Pickering. Here again it was a similar story. Ontario

Provincial Police from Whitby spotted the contingent and after a brief game of hide and seek, the ringleaders were coralled into court and more gasoline money was extracted from their pocketbooks.

On Saturday night, it happened again. A timely tipoff to police sent a half-dozen cruisers to a local gravel pit. The party was stopped almost before it was started.

As long as these folks insist on sporting their black leather garb, knee-length boots and high-powered scooters, their every move will be under suspicion. Three times and out, we hope, means out of circulation.

Who Will Elect Them

In a recent meeting of a local township council, a ratepayer suggested in all sincerity that the District High School Board should be an elected body rather than attain its position by individual appointments. We would contend that the idea may have some merit but we ask - "Who is going to elect them"? We all rea-

lize only too well what low interest rate is circulated at the polls in a municipal election. Even less interest is evident in the election of a public school board. Why then would an election of high school board members settle any present problems when less than 25 per cent of the electorate is casting a ballot?

War Measures Still With Us

Ever stop to think of the wartime measures which have lingered on even though the war has been over now for fifteen years. It is particularly true where the measure has proved a financial asset to one of the parties involved.

Biggest example, and this one goes back to the First War, is personal income tax. But here is one which of the late war vintage it's those small postage-stamp squares of chilled butter served with restaurant meals.

We all know that butter is to be spread and the diner should at least be able to spread it on his bread

without crushing or crumbling his bread in the process. In addition we think he should be served enough butter to cover the surface of the bread he eats. The skimpy serving would suggest a butter shortage when there is in fact a whopping big surplus. Believe it or not, we're told that even the Ontario Agricultural College's cafeteria does it.

Could be our dairy farmers are missing a bet. They should be campaigning for more generous servings of spreadable butter in all hotels and restaurants.

The war is over and the butter shortage is a thing of the past.

School's Out - Elmer Says Look Out

With so many automobiles on the streets and highways, and children being so happily carefree, traffic accidents involving children pose a serious threat in most communities. But something is now being done; schools all over North America are entering a program that makes the children safety conscious through pride in their flagpole pennant. .

Elmer the Safety Elephant program provides the basis for a comprehensive safety campaign aimed at elementary grade children. Experience has shown that this program is a most effective "self-help" method of inducing children to learn and to practice good safety habits as they use streets and highways both during school hours and at all other

Elmer originated in Toronto, Ontario in 1947 in an effort to reduce the number, of injuring and fatal traffic accidents to children. The program was remarkably effective. Since this time, Elmer, the lovable little elephant who never forgets his safety rules, has become a very real personality to hundreds of thousands of children in all parts of Canada and the U.S.A.

The Elmer program is symbolized by a six foot green pennant on which appears a picture of Elmer. This pennant is flown on the school flagpole beneath the national flag as a proclamation to the pupils, their parents and the public in general, of the school's safety record. Should an accident occur which is the fault of a child, the pennant must come down for a 30 day period.

Along with the green pennant, which is indeed the very foundation of the program, are Elmer's six safety rules. These were carefully chosen and were based on the major causes of traffic accidents involving child-

- 1. Look Both Ways before you cross the street.
- 2. Keep out from between Parked
- 3. Ride your bike Safely and obey

all signs and signals.

- 4. Play your games in a Safe Place
- away from the street. 5. Walk when you leave the curb.
- 6. When there are no sidewalks. walk on the left side of the road Facing Traffic, and wear or carry something white at night.



Sugar and Spice

I was going to write some- always was from the moment above ground. And I don't think father and decided to try to gas pedal as on the brake. get something of him down on paper. In a quiet self-effacing way, he was quite a character.

ling, lively, capable, quick- or running into a load of hay. was my mother, he seldom had into his own. He was transa chance to dominate the scene. formed from a middle-aged mer-But when he did, he made an chant into an armoured knight indelible impression.

ways played the lead was Driv- down the dead centre of the ing With Father. My mother road to joust with any false was afraid of nothing in this knight entering his domain. world - except being in a car with Dad at the wheel. Only a be about a mile away when Dad deep sense of marital loyalty would start yelling at him to forced her to climb into the dim his lights. Looking directly family chariot. She prayed stea- into the beam of the oncoming dily on journeys.

Dad bought his first car about 1920. The dealer gave him driving lesson, and turned him loose. Proud as a peacock, he wheeled her home to surprise my mother. Completely at ease, he turned into the driveway, drove right into the stable which was to house the car and drove right out through the backwall of the building, coming to a halt among the tomato plants. He'd forgotten how to stop. His driving never improved much from that day It merely grew more exciting.

He never quite mastered the various positions of the gear shift. Climbing one of the al most perpendicular hills of those days, he was quite as likely to throw her into reverse as into low, at the crucial moment If he were flustered, which he

(Lesson for June 19)

BEARING GOOD FRUIT

Matthew 7:15-23; Luke 13:6-9;

Genesis 1:1-11

GOLDEN TEXT — Abide in

me, and I in you. As the branch

cannot bear fruit of itself, ex-

more can ye, except ye abide

cept it abide in the vine;

in me. — John 15:4

Approach to the Lesson

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

THE LESSON AS A WHOLE dermine His testimony. Their

Our Lord's use of picturesque uments were often motivated by

Illustrations was very effective. self-interest and opposition to

ence on His followers is seen, I In order to alert His audience

Laff Of The Week

"I had a wonderful time, Alfred, and tell your father it was

awfully nice of him to advance you the five-weeks allowance."

That it exerted a strong influ- the message of salvation.

thing about Father's Day, but he got into the car, he was as I ever heard him utter any I began thinking about my own likely to jam his foot on the other kind while he was wrest-

In the daytime, he'd sometimes go 7 or 8 miles without Married to the hustling, bust- getting off onto the shoulder, tongued, sensible woman who But at night he really came of the middle ages. Couching his lance, he would touch spurs One drama in which he al- to the old Chev, and thunder

> The dastardly villain would headlights, he'd go straight for his man, neglecting to dim his own lights in the excitement At the last possible second, Dad would peel off wildly toward the ditch, swerve all over the road and shudder to a stop with one wheel hanging over a culvert.

From there, he'd glare over his shoulder to see whether the other fellow had been ditched. hard going and suffering. joy of the entire family, he shaving, he didn't bleed. finally refused to drive at all, own dimmer switch was.

Another area in which my father was king was the cellar, as we used to call the recreation room. I don't think I ever heard him utter a blasphemous word

for example, in the writings of

James, who presided over the

early Jerusalem church (Jas. 3:

12). Christ chose simple, every-

day items with which His listen-

ers were familiar and applied

them as object lessons to illum-

His enemies the Pharisees

and Saducees were clever and

persuasive. They sought to un-

honeyed words and shrewd arg-

ine spiritual truth.

ling with the old furnace. As a youngster, I would put one ear against the furnace pipe, and listen with awe and horror, as Dad ripped out some oaths that would curdle the blood of a

I wouldn't have you think that my father was a bad-tempered man. He was the soul of gentleness and kindness with people. But inanimate objects could rouse in him a berserker fury that must have come with the touch of Norse blood in his ancestry. Should he strike his head on a cupboard door, he was apt to tear the whole thing off the wall and reduce it to

while working on something, he was quite capable of snatching a saw and cutting out the entire chunk of offending wood. Ignoring the resultant gap in a table or a boat, he'd pant triumphant ly: "There, you dirty skunk!" as he finished.

We laughed at him, but we member my Dad.

If he got a sliver in his finger

My Dad could take a lot of I'll swear he was a little dis- proved it especially during his appointed when he could spot a last illness. But he had a genius tail light shakily disappearing for exaggerating small hurts into the distance. To the untold | Should he cut himself while "spurted out in quarts." If he after dark, because "the brutes knicked a finger with a knife won't dim their lights." I don't he'd vow: "I tore the end off my think he even knew where his finger." If he scratched his hand on a nail, he had "ripped the whole side out of my hand."

> loved him.' I hope my kids re member me as fondly as I re-

, to the devices of these men, as well as to issue a challenge to genuine, \whole-souled, sincere righteousness, Christ spoke of a tree and its fruit. The fundamental point of His argument was that "like begets like." Na ture does not lie. At creation fruit trees were intended to produce after their kind (Gen. 1 11). Apply this natural law to the spiritual realm. The fruit of a man's life and conduct de-

pends upon the root of his in-

ward being. The Heart of the Lesson

First, the Lord Jesus warns against fruitless, deceptive pro fessors of religion whose out ward appearance and manner belie their true spiritual condi tion: "Beware," He says, of "wolves" who pose as "sheep." Wolves may be dangerous. But they are more so when disguis-

Second, He gives a simple est by which a man's words and outward deeds may be investigated. "By their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt. 7:20). Like produces like. As it is absurd to expect thorns to produce grapes so it is unwise to look for God honoring conduct on the part of wicked men. The presence of thorns reveals the identity of its bush. The presence of grapes guarantees the identity of its vine. The presence of Godpleasing deeds indicates a heart well-pleasing to God. The graces of character and deeds of love and mercy that God approves stem from transformed lives.

Third, He points out the dreadful destiny that awaits hypocrites. The penalty of fruitlessness is that the tree is "hewn down, and cast into the fire" (Matt. 7:19; Luke 13:9). Mere profession will not exonerate a guilty soul. The lake, of fire awaits unbelievers, no matter how exalted their reputation.

Fourth, He reveals the expectation and patience of God. He looks for fruit (Luke 13:6, 7) but delays His visitation of judgment until the wicked have had ample opportunity to put their faith in Christ and through the

The increasing cost of giving is getting pretty bad too.

Spirit, to reform their ways.

For Parents Only

IN CANADA

Have you and your family ever gone through the physical and emotional upheaval of moving? It can be grim! Home sickness has afflicted individuals in every age. Perhaps you know this cry in the Psalm from the heart of a captive Jew: "By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yes, we wept . . . We hanged our harps upon the wil lows . . . How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange

Did you ever think of the vast number of families on the move in our country? Tens of thousands of families from lands across the sea have come here in the last decade. CANADA 1958, the official Handbook of present conditions and recent progress, which is an excellent book for both "new" and "old" Canadians, points out that in a recent year 59% of the immigrants had other than British origin. The Hungarian refugees numbered 33,000, the Germans 29,000, the Italian 18,000, the Netherlands 13,000. The remainder were of forty different nationalities, including 8,000 from Denmark and 6000 from France.

Thousands of native-born Canadians have also moved from one locality to another, often from one province to another when fathers have found new jobs. Everyone realizes the shift of population from the rural to urban districts. Over six million Canadians now live in the 5 metropolitan areas. Those who have moved there from the country may miss the friendliness of a smaller community.

Figures may seem cold and impersonal, but who has not come into close contact with a family from overseas? Who has not a relative or friend who has come into the city in search of

When the family moves, naturally, the father is fully occupied getting used to his new occupation. It takes time to learn new techniques, to become acquainted with a different working situation, with a new boss and unknown fellow work Mother has frequently found

the task of packing up and moving the family a bit exhausting and without any lull in special tasks, she is often overwhelmed with all the demands on her of a family settling in a new community, such as finding new places to shop. There is no letup in the job of unpacking and getting things in order and at the same time keeping up with the housekeeping.

Some children settle down quickly to a new environment Others can feel very unhappy and lost. It is particularly hard for adolescents to part with

FAMILIES ON THE MOVE | their old friends and make their way among strangers.

The contrasting school standards for different grades in different provinces makes adjustment for school age children in many cases very painful Parents should encourage their children to be kind to the new

scholar. The painfulness of this uncomfortable time may be lessened. Being hospitable to newcomers, especially to a child, is one of the best ways to make a

whole family's moving happier. When a family moves, anything other Canadians can do to be neighbourly is all to the



REV. ROBERT H. HARPER FATHER'S DAY

NUMBER of years ago, at the close of a service on Mother's Day, in the church I was then serving as pastor, a bright girl of the church school asked me why we never observed a Father's Day. That was before the belated recognition of Father's share in the home.

It did seem a strange thing to child and to an older person that tribute was given to Mother but Father was left out. Certainly Father should be remembered as well as Mother. If Mother nurtured us in her arms, Father rode us on his foot and always stood between us and all! the world beside.

JUST A THOUGHT:

Someone once said that the best fertilizer is the imprint of the owner's shoe in the soil. How true it is that is not enough to merely plant the seed. So it is with life. Living the good life; doing good works; such is not easy. We must work at it. But, like the nurtured crop, there is a promise of great reward.

And in the hour of bereavement, when his own heart is breaking. Father must choke down his sobs and deny himself the relief of tears that he may be a refuge to those who cling to him for sup-

Father has a tribute from a source higher than his earthly children. For Jesus taught us through our earthly fathers our relation to our Heavenly Father. He taught us when we pray to say, "Our Father." Let us honor our fathers today. And les them be true to their high place in our affections and lead us day by day in the Father's way.



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