

Editorial

Setting A Precedent

Mr. Wm. Parish, the Mayor of Ajax and a staff teacher at the Pickering District High School set a possible precedent last week when he chaperoned an entire class of 33 students to a regular meeting of Pickering Twp. Council. During a term of office, few adults, let alone young people, show sufficient interest in municipal politics to look in on the operation of their local governing body. Perhaps, by starting with the high school set, a new interest might be generated that could prove advantageous for the taxpayers of tomorrow.

It is ridiculous to think that the merits of a would-be candidate are judged mainly by his or her two-minute appearance on a nomination platform. This is not the place where a councillor's works are solid proof of his ability to serve the ratepayers. It is the constructive ideas and decisions that come from the representative at the council table during fifty-two weeks of the year that should set the standard for the all-important X on the ballot in December.

We have attended numerous nomination meetings in the area and

listened to sometimes flowery addresses from both candidates seeking office and those already in power. It is rather startling to note, however, that many of these same persons will offer absolutely nothing towards the promotion of a town or township when inside the council chambers where constructive thinking really counts.

We would suggest that every ratepayer should endeavour to attend at least one regular meeting during the coming year. This does not mean that he or she should come with a chip on his shoulder or an axe to grind, but just sit in and listen to the workings of the members. Then, and only then, can one obtain a grasp of the problems at hand. Then, and only then, can one size of the true value of the individual councillor.

In reference to the student gathering at the Pickering Council session, we feel that Mr. Parish is to be commended for his unique idea. We were equally impressed with Reeve Scott's willingness to explain in detail the operation of municipal government. This practical experience cannot be found within the pages of our high school history books.

Don't Wait Until Nomination Night

Don't wait until nomination night to choose your candidates for the municipal elections which are just around the corner. This is an important matter and one which should not be put off until the eleventh hour. This newspaper has urged for years that office holders should declare their intentions prior to nomination night in order that the electorate can be aware of what offices will be vacant. More and more council members and other elected officers are doing this very thing so now it's up to the ratepayers to do a little

pre-nomination planning themselves.

Sometimes, well-qualified men and women who would be willing to serve, are overlooked. Even a word of appreciation to self-sacrificing individuals who have served well, might induce them to continue in office.

The progress in a great many municipalities can be traced to the calibre of those serving in public office. All too often those who do serve reap little but abuse for their efforts. Frequently as well, too often those least qualified to offer criticism are the most severe critics.

Much Favourable Comment

On Thursday evening, Mr. K. N. Wagg, Deputy-Reeve of Stouffville and Chairman of the Education Committee of York County Council informed that gathering at the Stouffville District High School Commencement Exercises that a move was afoot to establish a trade school in the area. As chairman of the county committee it was appropriate that this official announcement should come from Deputy-Reeve Wagg. In addition, he could not have found a

more opportune time to break the news.

The information was received with enthusiastic response by both students and parents. On the completion of the program, The Tribune was in contact with a number of interested parties and all expressed a keen interest in the project. We personally feel that the decision is a major step forward in our local education program. The promoters are to be commended.

Public Relations Be Darned

One day last week we received two of the most voluminous government reports to help fill our waste basket in many a day. Great lengthy Royal Commission reports which would require an entire day to digest continually come to our desk, and these latest two were something of a record for size.

Our waste basket along with others in every newspaper office across the country bulges each day with this government literature. Post office floors are littered and the desks of many business firms are over-burdened by this avalanche of paper, much of it coming from Ottawa. Some of it is very expensively printed and it all emanates from so-called public relations offices both private and governmental.

This great tide of waste printing grows year by year. Most of it is either baled or burned depending on

how you dispose of your waste material. Few people in this day and age have time to read it or in many instances, even open it.

When industrial firms indulge in this performance we care little, but when the government gets into the act to such an extent, it's another matter. Every recipient is a taxpayer and a shareholder in this waste.

What a taxpayer can do and should do is put the paper back in the post office with instructions to return to the sender from whom the post office can collect postage. Another method to stop the tide would be to send all the offensive printed matter to the local member of parliament. These would be some ways in which John Public could challenge the efforts of so-called public relations experts who hold down big paying jobs for various government departments at public expense.

Ask Help For Retarded Children

The grave problem of mental retardation, and its profound implications on the social and economic life of our communities, is more acute today than in the thousands of years of its known existence.

It is more acute today because suddenly we have come to know that this vast number of unfortunate children, adults and their families can be helped, and that the disgraceful neglect of this great human force can at last be combated.

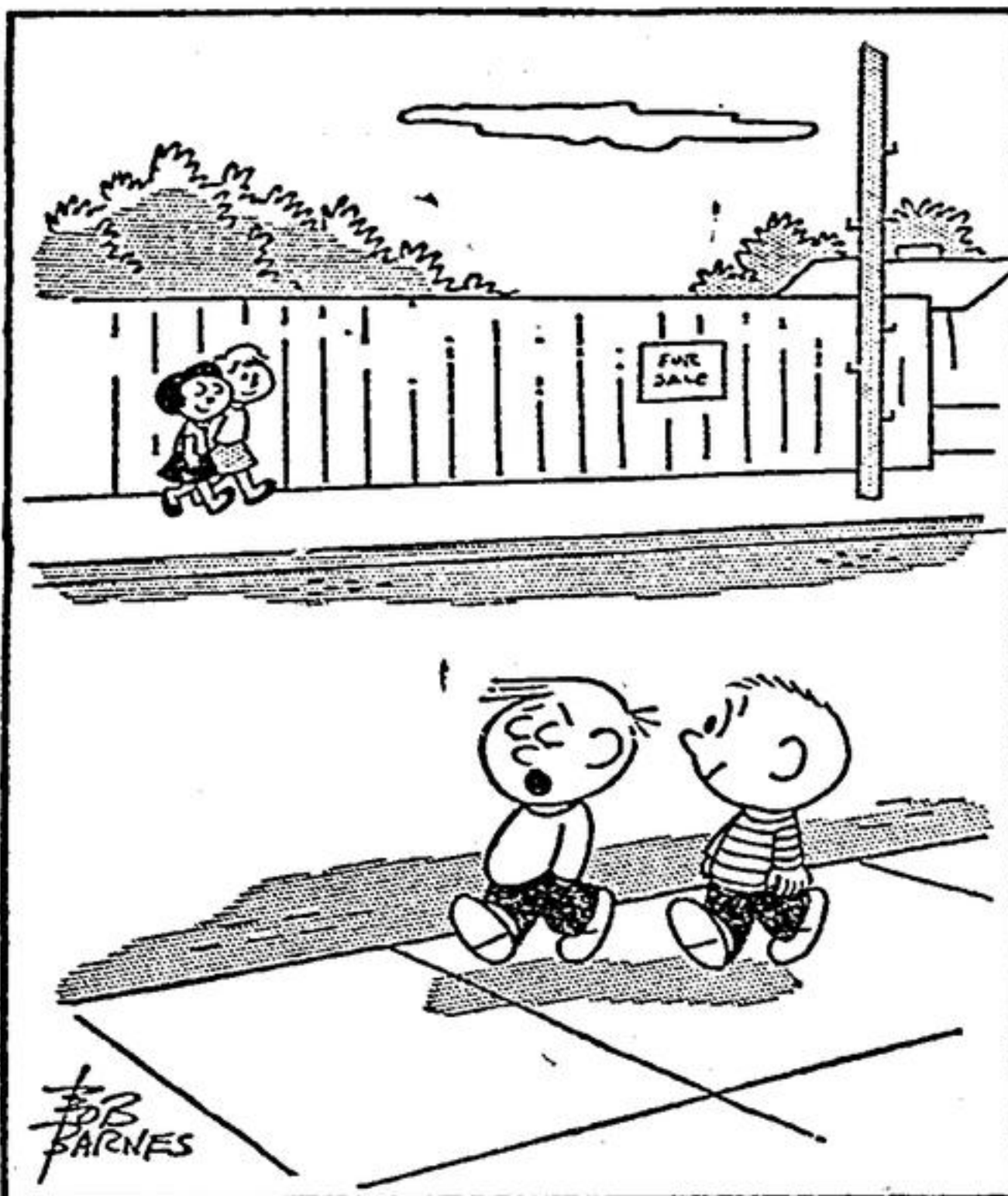
It is only in recent years that dedicated people, many of them parents, have formed local associations across Canada to create and operate

organized programs for the help of the mentally retarded. Today, nearly 200 local associations operate special facilities for mentally retarded children and adults . . . many more are needed.

November 13 to 24 is Canadian Retarded Children's Week. At this time we are given the opportunity to realize what can be done and what must be done in helping this wonderful cause. It is commended to your attention. The Stouffville area is served by the Thornhaven School at Richmond Hill. A door to door canvass will begin this week to raise \$30,000. for operating expenses for the next two years.

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Laff Of The Week



"I've learned not to whistle at 'em unless I've got money in my pocket."

For Parents Only

By Nancy Cleaver

IN CASE OF FIRE — GET OUT FAST!

During the winter months over and over again fire destroys a house and lives are lost. Each year in Canada, the number of deaths from fires is around the five hundred mark. In a recent decade over one thousand five hundred children died as a result of fire, many of them little tots left all alone in a home "just for a few minutes" while mother went shopping, called on a neighbor or departed with father to spend an evening of recreation.

There are three important things to do, in the following order, if a fire breaks out in your home. Get Everyone out of the Building; Call the Fire Department (if necessary from the nearest neighbor's house); Fight the Flames until help arrives. A baby sitter should be old enough to be responsible in an emergency and know the above procedure.

The majority of fires break out at night. Every family of school age children should hold a council and plan the quickest, safest way for each person to get out of the house. The following safety procedures, if awakened by fire, should be known to the school youngsters as well as adults.

Before opening a door, feel if it is warm. If it is warm, do not open it. Many people are killed, not by burns but by breathing over heated gases. If the door is cool, brace your foot behind it and open cautiously. If hot air rushes in, slam it shut. If smoke, but not hot air or flames are in a hall, throw a wet towel, if possible, over your head and crawl on hands and

knees along the floor. Close every door after you.

Do not jump from a window except as a last resort. If you must get out this way, tear and knot sheets to make a rope ladder. Drop bedding out the window to break a possible fall.

Memorize the number of the fire department. Post it up beside your phone. In an extreme emergency, tell Central your address and that you need the fire truck. Discover how long in your area it will take help to reach you from your professional fire fighters. If you consider this unsatisfactory, do something to make your fire department's service more efficient.

Fire Fighting is a job for experts but the first five minutes are more valuable in extinguishing most fires than the next five hours. There are three types of fires and a good fire extinguisher does an efficient job on all three. Remember (a) that water will put out wood, paper, clothes fires; (b) grease and flammable liquids on which water should NOT be thrown but baking soda will smother; (c) electric equipment, again baking soda is a good weapon.

If clothing catches on fire, do not run. Wrap up a rug or quilt and lie down and roll on the floor, beating out the flames with your hands.

Last, but not least, do not be tempted to run back into a blazing house to rescue possessions, once every member of the family is safely outside. Your child needs two parents. A great many people have lost their lives dashing in for money or valuables. Don't take a foolish risk. It's had enough for a family to have their home damaged or lost by fire—Don't add the extra heartbreak of a funeral. (Copyrighted)

Handyman

By Gordon Donaldson

There is much that's new in rugs and carpets, and the family that knows the news may not only get better value when shopping, but also be able to redirect the home's whole decorating scheme with just one area rug.

Acrilan acrylic and other new fibres, mosaic effects and other new textures — and a whole new concept of carpet design — are among the biggest developments.

Acrilan has been widely used for its ability to accept bright or muted colors and holding them without fading. The fibre's crush-proof resilience and its durability — it is moth and mildew proof, and highly resistant to stains and soiling — are among its chief attractions.

Acrilan and other man-made fibres such as nylon, have greatly widened the range of colors and qualities available in rugs. Since the production of these fibres is under absolute control, manufacturers have been able to develop special heavy gauge yarns for carpet construction. Result: Floor coverings with traditional durability and bulk, but without the need for special protective treatments and storage, such as moth proofing.

Novel textures as well as new fibres are holding the floor today. Looped pile, cut pile, and combinations crop up on many surfaces. Some of these textures create mosaic cobblestone or striated effects which do not readily show soil and are ideal for heavy traffic areas.

Rug or carpet, the choice and care of floor coverings will be easier if you keep a few key points in mind: Check the label on the back of the carpet. What are the characteristics of the ingredient

fibres? Does a quality trademark program cover the carpet construction?

Press your fingers into the pile. Does it spring back when you release the pressure? Bend the carpet towards its back. Tufts close together? Backing tightly woven for strength and flexibility?

Balance color and design. Boldly-patterned wallpaper demands a muted carpet; painted walls and solid color upholstery are enhanced by a bold-patterned rug. Deep rug tones make a big room cosy, while light-toned rugs "stretch" small rooms.

Buying carpeting for the stairs? Allow enough length to cover an extra stair tread so that the runner can be shifted downward as it wears. In this way, you may double the life of your carpet.

Back up your investment with a padding for underneath your rug. Thus you'll extend carpet life, minimize the danger of slipping and provide a luxuriously soft cushion.

Mop up spills. Stain and acid-resistant fibres such as acrilan and nylon can be purged of stains with a light sponging and a dab of detergent — or with a mild detergent for more difficult spots.

By keeping up with the latest developments afoot in floor coverings and learning how to choose and care for the carpet that is best for your home, you will know the fundamentals necessary for decorating with carpet.

Khrushchev said Russia is producing rockets like sausages from a machine. The big question is: How much of the boast is baloney?

Sugar and Spice

By BILL SMILEY

Every time I think of it I experience a warm glow of satisfaction. As I sit here in the cosy, smoke-filled confines of my private psychopatrik ward, I revel in the security, the snugness. I shake hands with myself. I grin with sheer delight. The reason for my elation is simple: I didn't have to go deer hunting this year.

They were out last week, every single madman of them. They ranged from the fellow who sneaks out for an hour or two before . . . and . . . after . . . work, through the type who has taken a week off and skipped a payment on the car so he can afford to get away with his gang, to the big shot who makes the trip in a station wagon, with a cook, a case of whisky and a crew of kindred spirits.

But they're all brothers under the skin, infected with a delirium that sweeps the Canadian male in November, and in many smaller towns on the edge of the hunting country, almost brings commerce and industry to a halt. Last week they walked 100 miles through wet bush. They turned blue at the end of runways. They wolfed leathery eggs, marmalade and bacon sandwiches and similar delicacies. And they laid the foundations for the deer-hunting stories they'll tell from now until Easter.

This week most of the hunters are home, and the stories

are flying about with the swooping inaccuracy of bats on a summer evening. Fellows who fired at nothing livelier than a stump, during their entire week of hunting, will be relating exploits straight out of Rod and Gun. Others, who spent most of their time lost, will swagger a bit as they recall how they liked hunting alone. With each repetition, the stories gain in stature. And so do the deer. . .

There are no tiny fawns or skinny, little does in the woods. They were all brought home by the hunters. But there are thousands, tens of thousands of huge bucks running loose. There must be, because every time a hunter misses a shot at a scared little fawn which was standing still 20 feet away, that creature, by some magic inherent in deer hunting, becomes a vast 10-point buck, going like the wind.

This is not to say that deer hunters are liars. It's just that they have a little more imagination than the rest of us. Perhaps that's why they plunge into the chill depths of the north woods each November, and undergo something like the Retreat from Moscow, with apparent enjoyment.

It isn't just the hunting that draws them to those vast frozen swamps and burns. It isn't pure blood-lust. The true hunter

will know what I mean. After all, anyone can sit in a warm house, after a good dinner, and watch television. But how can that compare with the wild exhilaration of mooching through the woods, soaked to the tailbone, half lost, with darkness coming on, and the wind in the north with a bone in its teeth?

Any ordinary fellow can take a holiday in the summer, when there's nothing to do but lie around in the sun, drink beer, fish a little, and watch for bikini. But it takes a real man, a deer hunter, in fact, to go into the woods in November and come to grips with nature, nothing between him and the forest primeval except a few bottles of cough syrup, his laxative tablets, his tranquilizers, a hundred dollars worth of warm clothing, a rifle, a guide with dogs to chase out the deer, a snug camp, a good cook, and an interesting poker game. You need hair on the chest to tackle this kind of battle with the elements.

Yes, I'm afraid deer hunting is not a sport. It's a cult, like Teddy Boys or Beatniks or Existentialists. It's a reaction against the decadence of modern living. And as I sit here with the furnace humming away merrily, and let my mind venture timidly into the vast bleakness of the November woods, I can't refrain from giving 3 small, silent cheers for good old decadence.

Dip to Control House Plant Pests

Insect pests of the garden don't lose heart when the ground freezes — they move inside and take up winter quarters on your house plant favorites.

Horticulturists with the Ontario Department of Agriculture offer these suggestions for control.

First, when new plants and cuttings are introduced to the home, inspect them for insects. Discard any heavily infested plants or else isolate them until the pests have been eliminated.

Keep the humidity in the room as high as possible. This discourages attack by red spider mites or scale insects.

Periodic "washing" of the plants is a good idea. Use a few ounces of mild soap in a gallon of rain water. Apply it with a soft brush or sponge — or the plants may be dipped. Be sure to rinse the plants well afterward with clear water.

Insecticides are still the most positive means of control and

malathion is one of the best all-purpose materials on the market; use 2 teaspoons of 50% emulsifiable malathion concentrate per gallon of water. Don't spray the plants — dip them; spray drifting around the home can damage furniture and draperies. Use a container large enough to hold the plant com-

fortably. Hold the flower pot upside down and immerse the plant for a few seconds. Cover the top of the pot with cardboard or paper to prevent the loss of soil. Avoid getting your hands into the dip. A good precaution is the use of rubber gloves.

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