

# Editorial

## No Longer A Formality

There was a time when the annual ratepayers' meeting at the little red brick schoolhouse was a mere formality. The interest in the Trustee Board's operation was so low that it was often difficult to obtain personnel to stand for office. The announcement notice was posted on a telephone pole somewhere along the rural road. Within a day or two, the wind and rain had transformed the poster into a warped piece of parchment that bore no resemblance to the original crumpled masterpiece. Its loss to the elements was not serious since few persons heeded the message. The lack of attendance did not strike any serious blow against the community's economy since the teacher would be re-hired for a yearly stipend of \$500; the caretaker would be instructed to clean out the furnace during the Easter vacation (at no increase in salary) and two new books would be added to the already-antiquated library selection.

The installation of electric lighting facilities aroused a slight murmur in the section. Inside washrooms brought words of protest from district pensioners and bachelors but they succumbed to a vote of the majority. Rumors and rumblings of

a classroom addition or even a brand spanking new building has erupted into a wide-spread controversy. "It's high time we took a closer look at this public school business," is the main topic of conversation around the morning breakfast table. And so, after a near century of rural lethargy, a community awakens to the importance of its educational program.

This week, ratepayers' meetings have been held in almost every rural school in the Stouffville area. They were properly advertised, not on a cardboard plaque, pegged to a corner telephone post, but in a paid advertisement. Many of the questions under discussion ranged from classroom construction to student bus transportation. All involve the spending of taxpayers' money, not hundreds but thousands. Is it any wonder that people are finally opening their eyes to the business at hand? A number of sections have already found a solution to these major problems. Some others are merely marking time. Whatever may be the stage of development, a new interest and awareness has been created, something that has been noticeably lacking for a long, long time.

## An Alcoholidday

While hundreds of shoppers raced against the clock in a last-minute pre-Christmas buying spree throughout the sprawling area of Metro Toronto last week, an over-worked force of police officers was setting an all-time record for highway arrests. Up until 8 a.m. Saturday morning, ninety-six motorists had been arrested. Out of this number, 51 had been charged with ability impaired. No less than 169 persons were given at least temporary lodging behind bars. Hardly an appropriate place to spend a Christmas Eve.

The daily press, who for the past week had contributed volumes of front-page space to the planned police crack-down on drinking drivers, then published the fruits of its wasted labors in Saturday's edition. "A grim picture", it said and the very tone of the type was scented with a mixture of disappointment and disgust.

We would suggest that there should be a two-way crack-down during the holiday periods at Christmas and New Years. The number one curfew restriction should be placed on the dozens of hotel beverage rooms scattered through the city. Every driver behind the wheel of a car that leaves one of these parking lots has purchased himself a one-way admission ticket to the Don Jail. A large percentage escape the long arm of the law. Many others, however, are not quite so fortunate.

We have never really learned

## "Little" Accidents Cost A Lot

Each year, "little" accidents which seldom make the headlines, cost Canadians more than \$3,000,000, according to the All Canada Insurance Federation.

Many of these accidents occur during the winter, and most could be avoided through care and attention. The Federation, which represents more than 220 Canadian fire, casualty and automobile insurance companies, makes these recommendations for winter safety around the home:

- (1) Keep sidewalks shoveled and clear of ice and snow at all times.
- (2) Check exterior stairways and entrances for loose boards, nails and other dis-repair which might cause injury.

- (3) Clear large icicles from the eaves. They can cause serious injury when they fall.
- (4) Make sure that snow shovels, garden rakes, children's toys and similar items are kept clear of walks and not hidden under a deceptive layer of snow.
- (5) Cover accessible steam and hot water pipes which might cause burns to the unwary.
- (6) Keep children away from portable heaters, stoves and fireplaces.
- (7) Keep hot ashes in a metal container — never in cardboard or wooden boxes.
- (8) Don't let children play hockey or other winter games on or near the street.

## Laff Of The Week



"Nice doing business with you Mr. Walker—and we'll be seeing you again and again and again..."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Lesson for January 1)  
John 1: 20-30, 31

**GOLDEN TEXT** — But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. — John 20:31.

### THE LESSON AS A WHOLE

John is one of the New Testament Books that clearly and specifically declares why it was written. The author asserts that his reason for writing lay in the fact that he was anxious for his readers to accept the fact that Jesus was the Christ, or the Messiah. But this Messiah is also divine; He is the Son of God. The result of our receiving Him as such is that we might have life through His name.

It has been often noticed that John is the Gospel of the life, the light, and the love. These three key words are mentioned many times throughout the Book. John enjoyed this life, walked in this light, and felt the warmth of this love during the months of his association with his Lord, knowing Him in such an intimate way, he wants us also to enjoy this fellowship and to catch a glimpse of His glory. While the glory of Christ is future in the other Gospels, it is a present glory in John, and he would have us filled and thrilled with its radiance and reality. By our receiving Him we become the children of God, and only thus do we become partakers of the divine life and

nature. When we receive Christ we receive Him unqualifiedly, giving Him the full confidence of heart and life.

### The Heart of the Lesson

Our study today abounds in vivid contrasts. Here we see light against the background of darkness; life in contrast to death; love over against hate.

These glorious perfections are displayed fully in the living Word, the Son of God. Though existing in fullest equality with God the Father from all eternity, and though He was the active agent in creation, yet He became a true man and deigned to dwell among us. He took this marvelous stoop although He knew beforehand that the masses of His creatures would neither recognize nor welcome Him. His light, His life, and His love would be spurned by the majority of the race. And yet He came.

A dirty and disorderly room may not appear to be such when dimly lighted. But once the full rays of the bright sunshine are introduced; its true appearance becomes instantly manifest. The advent of Christ, "the Sun of righteousness" (Malachi 4:2), brought into boldest relief the utter desolation of man's depravity. The darkness seemed blacker; death seemed more terrifying; hate more dreadfully tragic.

Filled with grace and truth, the eternal Word became flesh to reveal God and to redeem man.

## Hot Soup for Cold Days

Chilly days and icy northern blasts are here again. Consequently, it becomes increasingly important to make sure your family is well nourished. Hearty, hot cream soups made with fresh milk and wholesome Ontario-grown vegetables can provide a main dish for lunch that will make the youngsters clamor for more.

Why not make this nourishing cream of tomato soup for lunch today? Both children and adults need the valuable protein, vitamins and minerals it will provide, advises the Food and Nutrition Department of Macdonald Institute, Guelph.

**Cream of Tomato Soup for 4**  
Brown 1 teaspoon finely chopped onion in 2 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. Stir in three

tablespoons pastry flour, 2 teaspoons sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Cook until smooth and bubbly, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Gradually stir in 2 cups tomato juice or canned tomatoes and bring to a boil, stirring constantly and boil for 1 minute. Then add 2 cups cold whole milk, all at once. (Combining the ingredients in this way prevents curdling.) Heat rapidly to serving temperature, stirring constantly. Serve at once.

Children will love it served in mugs and topped with popcorn. Other garnishes might include grated cheddar cheese, crumbled egg yolk, chopped parsley, croutons, or unsweetened whipped cream.

## CANDY by Tom Dorr



## Sugar and Spice

By BILL SMILEY

Well, how did you make out at Christmas? Was the loot up to expectations, or was it the usual conglomeration of tasteless ties, toys that break if you give them a puzzled look, furniture with a scratch on it, accessories that don't match anything you wear, and coffee pots with a candle under them, of which you have two already?

Was the turkey one of those increasingly rare birds with a real turkey flavor—a dandy, tender, big fellow with 6 drumsticks, four breasts, and meat that falls away from the bone—like the kind we used to buy? Or was it one of those frozen slabs of things, forced along in a hothouse atmosphere, all breast and thighs like a movie actress, looking so beautiful in their plastic bags, and tasting exactly like roast plate bag?

Did the old man manage to keep his nose out of the jug on Christmas day, or was he in his usual condition: carving all over the tablecloth, comical as a severe toothache, and, after dinner, as lively as a sated octopus?

Did the kids tiptoe down at 6 a.m. check their stockings with muted glee, and play quietly and happily with their toys until you came down? Or did they rocket down with the stealth of skeletons dancing on a tin roof, put the record-player on at full volume, rip open presents not meant for them, and then start a big fight over the one from which the tag was missing?

Did Mother remain poised, calm and smiling all day? Or did she get flustered, undercook the turkey, oversalt the gravy, break one of her good, bone china cups, have a little tiff with Aunt Jane over the pudding sauce, scream at Dad that if he didn't take those flaming kids out for a while, she'd suicide, then burst into tears when it was time to do the dishes, and everybody else was fast asleep?

We had a good Christmas, thank you. We always do, even when all these things happen. And they have. Plus one Christmas, when I lifted the turkey out of the oven, and dropped it smack in the middle of the floor. Plus another one, when the family chipped in on a television set for the grandparents. And we had to put the monster on a toboggan to get it in to the farm. And we had kept it a great secret. And little Kim, aged 5, tottered in first out of the snow and blurted: "Aren't you excited about the TB, Granny?" TB was her word for television, and Granny knew it.

This year, we had some specially nice things happen. One evening, a little before Christmas, I was crouched in the psychopatric ward, oathing over compositions. There was a long-distance call for me. It was Mr. I. B. Lucas of Markdale, Ont., to tell me that he liked my column and to wish me a Merry Christmas. It was kind and thoughtful of him, in these days when people are too busy, or too lazy, to pass the time of day, and it warmed the shrivelled cockles of my heart for days.

Then, just before Christmas, we were invited to a going-away party in the old home town. Who was going away? We were, despite the fact that we left last September, and would be back for Christmas, a few days later. That's the way they operate in that town, and we like it.

So, a couple of old friends, with whom we have fought out many an issue, blackened many a reputation, watched many a sunrise, laid on a posh shindig. We started out in a snowstorm, and eleven hours later arrived there in a snowstorm. And for such a gathering I'd drive through a blizzard for a week. There was the old gang, thirty or forty of them, and just as full of beans as ever, ignoring ulcers and heart conditions to give us a royal welcome.

It was grand to see them. Within ten minutes I was back in the throes of local politics, being blamed for the new sewage unit that went through when I was editor and a councillor. The Old Battle-axe was chattering like a bluejay with The Girls. There are no friends like old friends. I thought they'd have changed a lot, be older, steeper, more settled. After all, we hadn't laid eyes on them for three months. But they were just the same. We got to bed at 7 a.m.

What more could anyone want at Christmas than good wishes, good friends, and a good pair of snow tires, in case they live a couple of blizzards away?

## For Parents Only

### New Year's Resolution

Fathers as well as mothers may incline to be over-protective to their almost-grown children. Parents do not like to hear plain truths. Unfortunately, in many cases, they need to be advised to let their children reach their own decisions.

One of the fundamental reasons for this undesirable situation is that all through their child's growing years parents have been sure that "Mother knows best," or "Father will tell you the right thing to do." They have not seen clearly enough that a child must be given the chance to decide. He will sometimes make a poor or even a wrong choice. But he can only become accustomed to thinking through a problem, reaching a solution and acting on it through his own experience. He must have first-hand knowledge of life, not second-hand. A child must learn from failure as well as from success.

The refusal of parents to let them grow up is perhaps the one thing that irks adolescents most of all. Frequently there is bitter conflict between a boy or girl and one or both parents over the choice of a vocation. The same thing is true in picking a girl friend or a boy friend. Why don't parents help their children grow up by encouraging them to make their own choices?

In the one matter of selecting their child's life work parents have committed so many blunders that one would think that the thoughtful parent would hesitate to rush in.

There are scores of biogra-

phies which tell of unhappy men and women who were forced by a father's domination to follow a profession for which they were ill-fitted.

Zane Grey's father absolutely insisted that he become a dentist. He obeyed, but was miserable in his years as a dentist. Finally he abandoned this profession and turned to the writing profession in which he became famous.

Mothers may not be so strong-minded about their child's life work, but they do have a hard time in the field of human relations. It is difficult for most mothers to accept the definition of a good parent as "one who becomes progressively dispensable." Because they are so fond of their little son it is hard for them to see that by nature the companionship of his peers in his own age group, becomes increasingly important to him.

A little later on, how rare it is for a mother to look for the good points in her son's best girl. An outstanding psychologist has pointed out in this matter that "It is love that lets him go, not the possessive love that keeps him dependent. Freedom makes a boy's healthy growth to manhood possible."

Mothers and fathers, are you making your children's healthy growth to maturity possible by giving them chances throughout the years to make their own choices? Are you showing your faith in them by cutting the "apron strings," which restrained them from harm when they were small?

by 1963 in order to qualify for tax exemption.

In the field of education, further assistance has been provided in the form of income tax deductions for university students in respect of tuition fees.

In the field of imports, there will be a more rigid application of the "class or kind made in Canada" provision in the anti-dumping laws, in order to discourage importation of equipment and goods which are available in Canada.

All these measures are in line with the Government's program of bolstering and stimulating Canadian industry and the Canadian economy; of encouraging Canadian investment and of encouraging Canadian participation in the development of our national resources.

The anticipated results would be an expansion of Canadian industry; an increase in Canadian investment, and a diminution of imports from other countries in order to further ease the balance of international payments.

Taken in conjunction with the present export drive; the low down payments on new housing; the slum clearance and urban renewal programs; the loans to small business; the tremendously increased training program calling for new vocational and trade schools; export credits; and other measures recently introduced, the budgetary provisions provided for a further strengthening of the Canadian economy in those areas where soft spots had appeared.

## EDITOR'S MAIL

Stouffville Tribune,  
Dear Mr. Editor,

I feel sure that few of our local citizens know that as a result of the recent fire at the Mansion House, a young couple and their ten-day-old baby were left with the clothes in which they fled. From a charred purse they redeemed seventeen water-soaked dollars. The bassinet and layette so carefully prepared by the young mother were completely destroyed, as well as their own personal clothing. Wedding gifts, baby gifts, the few possessions they cherished so dearly, were all twisted, charred and warped beyond usefulness.

At this season of goodwill and cheer I am sure that the people of Stouffville and district would want to know of the misfortune suffered by this young family. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me." Matt. 35:40.

Westend Resident

## REPORT FROM OTTAWA

By Michael Starr, M.P.,  
Minister of Labour

When the House adjourned on December 21st, Parliament was giving consideration to the interim budget brought down by the Minister of Finance and necessitated by the extensive economic program which the Government had placed before Parliament.

In order to finance the far-reaching measures included in the program, the Minister of Finance was budgeting for a deficit for the current fiscal year of some \$286,000,000.

The Budget itself carried forward the broad principles of economic support already laid down in the legislative program and provided for further aid to business and commerce in order to bolster the economy and provide for an increased level of employment.

Highlights of the budget included: —  
As a further step to assist small business in Canada: an extension of the floor for excess profits taxes from: \$25,000 to \$35,000. This means that up to a profit of \$35,000, the 21 percent tax rate would apply, rather than the 50 percent rate which previously came in at \$25,000. The Minister of Finance estimated that out of approximately 62,000 corporate income tax payers, 55,000 have incomes below \$35,000 and thus, in future, would pay on the 21 percent basis.

To assist the establishment of new industries: Double depreciation for tax purposes for products not previously manufactured in Canada.

To encourage Canadian investment: Repeal of 4 percent surtax on Canadian investment.

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Investment companies must obtain 75 percent of revenues in dividends from Canadian corporations by 1963.

Pension plan trustees must derive 90 percent of investment income from Canadian sources

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