

Editorial . . .

Safety Program Moves Ahead

An army of cyclists, estimated at more than 200 strong, invaded the confines of the Stouffville Memorial Park on Saturday morning in response to the recently organized student safety program.

Members of the local police department, public school staff, Lions Club members and interested citizens were ready and waiting for the influx of pupil personnel and a complete agenda was concluded with clockwork precision.

We feel that this project is a marvellous thing and The Tribune

gives the undertaking its whole-hearted support. The boys and girls are becoming safety-conscious and the lessons they have learned are already being put into practice on village streets.

Few local residents had any knowledge of Saturday's park program but if any had visited the grounds, they no doubt would have been amazed at the response. There were bicycles there of all sizes with riders to match, both boys and girls. The safety project is off to a flying start and we hope it is never dropped.

A Practical Experience

What happens when a Volkswagen slams into the side of a moving diesel locomotive? One look at the mangled remains of the car on 14th Ave., Markham Twp., east of Box Grove on Saturday morning will tell its own story.

One would naturally take it for granted that the two front-seat victims would be killed instantly on impact. But no — the two men cheated the hand of death thanks only to the use of seat belts.

What more extreme circumstances could be possible? A small rear-engined car and a multi-tonned

locomotive in collision without a death. The difference was, without a doubt, a \$10 safety-belt investment. At the time of writing, the driver and his passenger are alive but in serious condition in hospital.

The majority of people who viewed the accident scene took a good long look at the belts that, only minutes before had saved two lives. The impression was short-lived, no doubt. Drivers and passengers will still gamble and motorists will continue to die on the roads every day. It's the car manufacturer that must make the move.

A Good Investment

The Board of the Children's Aid Society of York County which is supported by county funds and contributed to by local taxpayers, has established a fund for the furthering of the education of children who are wards of the Society. These children are technically "on their own", once they reach the age of sixteen, and are expected to seek employment. However, in a number of instances these children are above average students and it is a definite waste in brain potential when they are not enabled to go on to higher education. The new fund established is for the purpose of assisting such students.

This is a most worthwhile idea

and the Board of the Society is to be commended for putting it forward. Money for the fund will come from bequests and donations from private citizens, and a considerable sum is already available from these sources. It is always regrettable, not only from the individual's standpoint, but from the country's as well, if a brilliant student is unable to continue his or her education through lack of financial help. In the recent periods of high unemployment, through which we have passed, no fact has been pointed out and recognized more clearly, than that education is a must if one wishes to be successfully employed in our highly technical age.

A Two-Minute Miracle

At three o'clock on Sunday morning, while the Village of Stouffville sleeps, a two-minute miracle will occur. A new dial telephone system will replace the old manual switchboard that has been in operation here longer than most of us can remember.

Only those close to the Bell service can know of the pre-arranged plans that make such a major change-over possible with only a minor interruption of communications. A front page item in this issue of The Tribune attempts to describe, in part, the transformation that will take place.

There is no doubt that the new dial system is "progress" in the fullest meaning of the word. But with the removal of the manual board, with its maze of lights, cords and plugs, there must be that feeling of regret to see still another custom bow to the skill of man's genius.

Hunting Is Not Dangerous

The approach of the hunting season will be the signal once again for a number of people to view with alarm and point with horror to the hunting accident toll. They will decry the sport as a dangerous one and cite the current number of hunting accidents to bolster their claim.

Hunting is not a dangerous sport. It is not nearly as dangerous as going for a Sunday drive in the family car. Almost every weekend there are more people killed in automobile accidents across Canada than are killed or wounded during the entire hunting season. Actually, insurance companies rank hunting as 17th on the list of dangerous sports with such commonplace activities as football and swimming near the top of the list.

Hunting is not dangerous. However, some of the people who hunt are dangerous, because they do not obey the simple rules of courtesy and safety. These same people are equally dangerous when they disregard the simple rules of courtesy and safety on the wheel of their auto-

mobile, the rudder of a boat, on the diving board; the golf fairway or on the ski run.

The point is that some people are dangerous. Do not be one of this type in whatever activity you take part. Do not cause death, suffering and heartbreak to others because of your carelessness.

Sportsmen are one of the few groups who are doing something to make their hobby a safer one. All across Canada hunter-training courses are springing up under the auspices of hunting and fishing groups. These courses are aimed primarily at teaching young people to think before they act, to be responsible citizens who will be considerate of their neighbors and companions. Courses are aimed at building the youth of today into responsible citizens of tomorrow. Any group which is building better citizens deserves the co-operation of all those who take part in their activities.

Whether you hunt, drive, fish or ski, whatever you do this fall, do it as a responsible individual — safely and courteously.

NEXT?



Survey Reveals

Claremont Residents Voice Mixed Feelings Over Liquor Outlets in Pickering Township

Residents of Claremont and district have voiced mixed feelings concerning the forthcoming liquor plebiscite in the Twp. of Pickering and the opening of sales outlets in the municipality should the "yes vote" gain its required 60% majority. The Tribune conducted a telephone survey among people picked at random and some of their opinions on the controversial issue are published here: The vote is slated for Oct. 27th.

"It doesn't matter to me, one way or another," said Mrs. J. E. Acres of Claremont. She noted, however, that licensed outlets might tend to halt any illegal liquor sales in the area. She said that they had previously resided in Windsor where liquor was available but she could not recall that its presence had any noticeable effect on the people as a whole.

"I know my husband is in favour," said Mrs. A. R. Bate, Claremont R.R.2. "I haven't made up my mind yet." She said that she, personally does not recommend its sale but suggested that there were points in favour of having legalized outlets in the township.

"The township should remain dry," said Mrs. John Bayles, Claremont R.R.2. Mr. Bayles also agreed with this stand.

"It's immaterial to me," stated Mrs. Clarence, Beely of Claremont.

"We're opposed to liquor, we've never had it in our home," said Mrs. Allan Carson, Claremont. She said that her husband was working with the "vote no" committee in the township.

"I'm certainly opposed," said Mrs. Jas. Coates of Claremont; "my husband feels the same way".

Too Many Accidents

"I'm against it, of course," stated Mrs. Murray Dunkeld, Claremont R.R.2. "There are so many accidents where 'drink' is involved, especially among young people." Mrs. Dunkeld pointed out that it seems rather ridiculous for the law to wage a war against accidents and then provide the liquor that causes many of them. "It just doesn't make sense," she said.

"We have enough outlets in the district now," said Mrs. J. R. Milne of Claremont. "We have a fairly nice, clean community here and such a trade always seems to attract a certain undesirable element into an area".

"It seems to have worked out alright in other communities," commented Mrs. Reg Sanderson, Claremont. "If a person wants it, they're going to get it whether it is in Pickering or some other place". "We might just as well keep the money in the township".

"I haven't given the matter much thought," said Mrs. Geo. Smith, Claremont.

"I know how we will vote, but I don't wish to express an opinion in public," said Mrs. Roy Morgan of Claremont. She noted that if the "no's" failed to turn out and vote, the township would certainly go "wet".

"I haven't thought too much about it," said Mrs. Lawrence Norton, Claremont. "It doesn't matter one way or another to me".

Drive Miles For It

"Anyone who wants it will drive miles for it anyway," said Mrs. Anthony Vanderliff of Claremont. A native of Holland, she said that liquor could be purchased in stores much the same as in the United States. "I never noticed any increase in drunkenness," she said. She suggested that under the present system, there tended to be more drinking on the road.

"If the Temperance Association and church leaders would educate the people on the proper use of liquor, rather than condemning it, it would be far better," stated Mr. Kal Vizeley of Claremont R.R.3. "Strict prohibition only tends to worsen the liquor problem," he said. Mr. Vizeley said he did not oppose the opening of outlets in the township. "If the liquor promoters depended on me for their sales, they would be out selling newspapers on the street corner," he concluded.

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SUGAR and SPICE

By Bill Smiley

Oh, isn't it nice to be pure? Isn't it satisfying to sit back and deplore? Isn't it grand to be a clean-cut, liberal-minded, unprejudiced, tolerant Canadian, when racial strife breaks out in another country?

I couldn't help congratulating myself, when I read about that ugly display of race hatred at the University of Mississippi, on being a citizen in the land of the maple leaf, the rye whiskey, the devalued dollar, and the jaded Doughhobor.

If there's one thing we Canadians are, it's completely tolerant of races, religions and colors different from our own. It's pretty heart-warming, I can tell you, to be a member of a nation that is utterly without prejudice.

I don't know why the rest of the world can't be like us. Look at those South Africans. Many of them just hate black people. Look at those Congolese. Many of them just hate white people. We don't hate anybody.

Oh, we have our little peccadilloes. After all, we're human. I mean, you can carry this junk too far. We recognize the fact, for example, that the darn Ryan Catholics (or the heretical Protestants) are out to get us under their thumb, that they've gone too far, at last, and that they've got to be stopped somewhere.

We realize that, while Negroes are definitely human beings, there's no point in irritating our African tourists by letting the black people stay at our tourist resorts. After all, business is business.

We know perfectly well that Japs are just as good as anybody. Smart, too. But let's keep them in the clothing business. They seem to like it. Let's not allow more than a few of them into medicine or dentistry. Let's not have any of them in our big, national banks' insurance companies. They're too dang smart for their own good.

Speaking of foreigners — of course, we don't call them foreigners, as some people do; they're ethnic groups, or New Canadians, or bloody Europeans — I don't think there's another country in the world that gives us a warmer welcome. Around election time.

I must admit that it's rather annoying that some of these comparative newcomers to our country don't seem to get into the spirit of the thing. Some of them seem to think that a Mikloski is just as good as a McKeey. Not that he isn't, of course. But — well. You know.

A lot of these people don't seem to realize that our ancestors didn't come out here just to get from under the thumb of some old czar or king, or just to get an easy place to make a living. They came out here because there was a potato famine in Ireland, or they were on the dole in England, or the porridge was mighty thin in Scotland something worthwhile, like that.

But I think the one thing that highlights the tolerance and lack of racial prejudice of Canadians, above all others, is the way we have treated our Indians. This is where the true benevolence of the broad-based, liberal-thinking Canadian stands out like a — uh — jute nose.

Did we crowd them into flyovers, as the Americans did, after we'd proved we could dig 'em? Well, yes, we did, actually. But we paid them cash for the lands we took away. Well, not exactly cash, maybe, but old, long-term promissory note. And do you know some of the Indians still receive as much as \$4.77 a year. IN INTEREST ALONE.

And it wasn't that we took their good land. We just took a lot of old cattle pasture and land that they weren't using anyway, and we handed out to them some dandy high, rocky land, and some good, fern-wamps, for their reservations.

Do we deny the Indians rights? Not for a minute. Every time we get involved in a war, we let them join the army, just like white people.

Why in some of our more enlightened provinces, Indians can go in the pubs and drink, just like white people. And — a final mark of our care in their welfare — we are now letting them go off to school with our own children. This will probably finish them off faster than whiskey or smallpox.

Yes sir, it makes you feel downright warm all over, when you realize that the Indians don't have a prejudiced bone in our bodies. Except, of course, in our headbone.

has been demonstrating thorough knowledge of the Government and the public for action and attention.

Question Period As you know, there is a daily question hour in the House of Commons so if you have any matters of urgent or national importance which can be asked then, please send them along.

Biggest Constituency You may be interested to know that my seatmate in the House is Mrs. Tibble Hardie (L. Mackenzie River) whose constituency covers the Northwest Territories. Her riding is almost half as big geographically as all of the rest of Canada. She is the widow of Mervyn A. Hardie, who was the Liberal M. P. before his untimely death and one of the most respected men in Parliament.

Won't Stall Business It is no part of the Government's intention to stall business or to impede the Government in carrying out its proper functions. It is, of course, the duty of any elected member to represent the people's interests in the House of Commons. This is one of the most important of our duties.

Therefore, we will support constructive measures at the Improvement of the general situation. I am putting questions on the Order plan to raise other issues in the House that are generally of interest to the constituency and the country. This is one of our constitutional means of bringing matters to attention.

If you wish to write about any matter, please do so. My office is 267 in the West Block, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario.

John Addison

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