

Editorial . . .

A Practical Message On A Timely Topic

The pre-marital problems faced by today's young people and related issues that must be met by their parents, presents a topic of daily discussion for columnists in hundreds of newspapers, magazines and periodicals. Too many, we feel, take a stand not for what they personally believe but for the fame or notoriety that they may acquire through unfounded facts or the power of suggestion.

Many ministers, who could and should place more stress on the subject of teen-age love and marriage, tend to shy away from the topic. The reason may be that some members of congregations might consider such sermons to be distasteful, bold and even vulgar. In many churches there are too few young people in attendance and the words of the message are wasted.

Next Sunday, Pastor Gordon T. Gooderham of the Stouffville Baptist Church will set a precedent here by directing an entire series of sermons on the subject of love, courtship and marriage. He will deal not only with the pre-marital problems of teen-

agers but also with the responsibilities of parents. The topic for Sunday, June 2nd, will be "Should Teenagers Be Allowed To Go Steady". The service is at 7:30 p.m. Four sermons on similar subjects will follow.

The issues that Mr. Gooderham will discuss deal with young people and parents, not in other towns, cities and communities, but right here in Stouffville. We feel that it is high time that the facts and figures pertaining to this important subject are laid fairly and squarely on the line. We would much rather hear this message from a church pulpit than read of the results in a daily love-love column. The latter would seem to be the source of our learning today. Pastor Gooderham, in taking up this torch may hurt a few feelings, step on a few toes and even create some controversy but his message will have meaning, far different from the trash that is available every day for a dime on many magazine racks. It's time the church abolished its hush-hush attitude on sex. Once taboo, it is now more openly discussed in public but seldom discussed from the pulpit.

Town To Have Highway Jurisdiction

On June 8th Stouffville will complete a four-year-old agreement with the Department of Highways and in so doing will take over jurisdiction of that part of Highway 47 within the town limits. Four years ago Stouffville's Main Street was in a bad state of disrepair. Highway authorities indicated it would be some time before anything could be done for improvement but Stouffville Council agreed to take over the portion within the municipality once a new road was built. This agreement brought immediate action. The Highways Department has proved most co-operative in completing some fringe work such as draining which they were not obliged to do and the time has now come for the change. The new road has been fully completed now for some time, street approaches have been widened and improved, as well as a number of private entrances, all at no expense to the town.

Henceforth Stouffville will have full jurisdiction over the street so far as parking, building setbacks and any other permits required.

We Could Sell More To Japan

We have just recently come through a federal election when much stress was laid on the matter of world trade. In addition we are constantly hearing much about the amount of goods on our store shelves labelled, "made in Japan." Actually we Canadians sell a great deal more to the Japanese than they sell to us, despite what we see in our stores. Canadian goods going to Japan are more in the staple variety which are not seen so frequently by the ordinary citizen.

However, it appears we could be selling even more to Japan than we

are. A booklet entitled, "The Japanese Market for Canadian Products," which recently came to our desk, makes this point.

Canada does not share in the Japanese market of high volume imports such as petroleum and paper, vegetables, engineering instruments and others. It is true we are the No. 1 supplier of wheat, asbestos, and some other minerals and 2nd in the supply of scrap iron and steel.

It is suggested that Canada might give greater attention to the market potential for manufactured goods in Japan.

Choice of Political Candidates Not Too Selective

Something that should be the concern of all political parties and which might be food for private thought prior to the next election, is some better method for selecting candidates. At the present time political candidates are chosen for a variety of reasons, many of them having little relationship to the requirements of the office.

Personal ambition is one reason; knowing the right people and having some ready campaign money is another; being prominent in some sport, something totally unrelated; all these play a part in the present selection system.

We don't think any of these reasons are good enough, and definitely not if there is to be any hope of increasing the quality of our representation. We would think that the parties might inaugurate some long-

range plan for grooming good men as future candidates. Each riding should be looked over carefully and the parties should look one or two elections ahead.

It almost seems a necessity that future members should be bilingual, and certainly any future party leaders are going to have to be. A knowledge of economics, political history and similar subjects is desirable and we are sure that many of the candidates in most recent elections were lacking in these qualifications.

In years to come it should be possible to select a candidate who would be able to contribute to Parliament more than just his presence, which is about all too many have to offer. If a system of within-party schooling resulted in an improved breed of members, we're sure no one will object very much.



"Whoever said automation offers more leisure time was right".

By the way . . .

Anne Ross

During the past nine months the senior students in our schools have been confronted with the very pressing, and in many cases overwhelming, necessity for a full-time homework schedule, in order to approach Grade XIII exams with any degree of confidence. With final exam time at hand, students of every grade of senior, elementary and high school level are now assessing the value of homework done — or left undone — during the past term.

The assignment of homework is, and always has been a contentious subject to teachers, parents and of course students. The pros and cons are forever being debated, and no acceptable, precise rule as to the value of a little or a lot of homework, has ever been resolved.

The Canadian Education Association has just issued a report on the state of homework across Canada. Referring to children in the elementary schools, it said:

"These children are at a period when vital energies are largely consumed in physical development, and consequently they must have time for rest and recreation. The school has no excuse for infringing upon the right of children to sufficient time for sleep and play, and the right of the home to direct their activities outside of school hours."

"There can be no doubt that both of these rights are seriously encroached upon by the prescription of homework, ill-chosen in character and excessive in quantity. For pupils in Grades 1 to 6 there is ample time during the school day to engage in the necessary activities satisfactorily, without burdening them with additional school work to be done at home."

"Where homework is assigned in the later elementary grades, it is usually urged that it be used only to strengthen the pupil's grasp of what has been taught, that it not be excessive and that it should not involve learning new material."

Whatever the official view of homework at the high school level, most students would agree that the load is a heavy one, increasing year by year until at Grade XIII there is a feverish haste to cram the absorption of information into practically every waking hour. Some parents, and most teachers would perhaps doubt the validity of this conviction, but whether the work is actually undertaken or not, homework looms as a major threat in the everyday life of the high school student. It is generally conceded that a senior student who does less than three hours homework every day can expect to find himself on the slippery path to eventual failure. This, of course, makes the work of a high school student in excess of eight hours—more than that of a good many parents.

Regardless of the ability of the individual student to assimilate information, homework is usually justified by the need to establish good study habits, considered essential to success in later years. What "bugs" conscientious students, however, is the failure of many teachers to check completed assignments which negates the value of the work for him; and this practice, at the same time encourages those who are less scrupulous, to the false assumption of academic security.

No matter to which school of thought we belong, more — or less — homework for our children, the assignment of extra-curricular activity has the backing of tradition, and like many other inevitables, is here to stay. However, when it reaches the point where social and cultural development of our young people is seriously threatened, then we should call for a change. Life is more than all work, even in our youth.

Every success to you who write exams . . . may all your homework be of help to you now.

Parachuting At Goodwood Airport

(by Tim Wees)
Goodwood Airport, which was temporarily closed for the winter, is beginning to hum again. Two parachute clubs from the Toronto area have made arrangements with the Department of Transport, and have moved into Goodwood to jump on weekends. On any reasonably calm day, one can go up to Goodwood (with a pair of binoculars) and get an eye opening view of a sport that is rapidly spreading across the country.

Here To Stay
This sport is more than a fad or a passing craze. It is here to stay. The thrill of soaring through the sky and literally flying for oneself is obvious when one listens to the talk of the chitists and watches their downward flight. These people realize that they must be very careful in their sport. As a result of their caution, parachuting is statistically the

safest sport in the world. Landing with a chute is equivalent to jumping off the back of a truck going twenty miles an hour.

Various Heights
Jumps are made from various heights. A static line jump, where the chutist's ripcord is pulled from within the aircraft, is made from 2800 feet, while jumps with free fall are made from 4000 feet up to 12,500 feet. In the free fall jumps various manoeuvres are made. These include loops, turns, and even passing a baton from one chutist to the other in mid-air.

All jumps from Goodwood are controlled directly from Toronto International Airport (Malton).
Instruction Required
The pilot of the jumper's aircraft radios in to radar control at Malton. The controller then looks at his radar screen to see if there is any traffic in the

Sunday School Lesson

Golden Text: The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. Psalm 119:8.

Approach to the Lesson

This remarkable Psalm, the longest of them all is a cleverly written acrostic with each of the twenty-two letters of the Hebrew alphabet making the initial letter of eight successive verses. This means that the first eight verses begin with the Hebrew letter Aleph and go on through the alphabet, thus making one hundred and seventy-six verses in all. The major subject is the Scriptures, which are mentioned in almost every verse, although to see this one must notice that the idea is contained in 10 different words. Dr. Dickson reminds us what these are: (1) The Law or doctrine, that signifies the Lord's will to be taught and learned. (2) Statutes that show this revealed will to contain the duties God.

Heart of the Lesson

The Word of God being fully inspired is able to make us mature and "thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16, 17). We must remember that these words in Timothy referred to the old Testament Scriptures alone. With the addition of the New Testament, we have all we need to instruct us in the way of righteousness, but we must learn to read, feed and have the Word applied to our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Listening to or reading the Word is not enough; it must be mixed with faith in the listener or reader, as cement, sand and water is mixed to make solid concrete, for it to become foundational in our lives (see Heb. 4:2; Matt. 7:24-27).

Town Library New Books

Fiction
Moonflower Vine, Carleton; Night of Shadows, Lockridge; Where's Annie, Basting; Too Many Doctors, Roth; Two Hours to Darkness, Trew; Three Cheers for Me, Jack; An Answer from Limbo, Brian Moore; Throw Wide the Door, Emily Loring; Stories with John Drainie, John Drainie; The Surgeon, Helnz; Doctor in the Swim, Gordon; Follow Your Heart, Emily Loring; Griffins Way, Frank Yerby;

aircraft's vicinity and, depending upon circumstances, will either deny or grant permission for the jump. Every jump must have the precautionary check by the radar controller.

Adam Telfer, an instructor for the Toronto branch of the clubs, expressed his willingness to instruct any physically fit person (male or female) in the art of jumping. He also stressed the point that for one's own sake one should never attempt a jump without thorough instruction by a qualified instructor.

It would certainly be worth anyone's time to go up to Goodwood some weekend and watch these men and women enjoying themselves in the fastest growing and certainly the most exhilarating sport in North America.



You'd never know it to look at me, but I will observe my 43rd birthday this week. What I mean is, if you are six, you'll think I'm at least 60, and if you're 66, you'll think I'm only about 29.

Each year, at birthday time, I like to make a brief analysis of my character, my success in life, my likes and dislikes, and anything else that happens to crop up.

As far as character goes, I am confident that there is a steady improvement. Some people deteriorate morally as they grow older. I get better and better. Really.

Take smoking, for example. I used to smoke like a chimney. I even smoked while I was shaving. I learned my lesson. One day I put my razor in my mouth and took a drag on it, and tried to take my whiskers off with a hot butt. It was because I was reading at the time, of course. Now, I never read, smoke and shave at the same time. It's pretty boring, just reading and shaving, or smoking and shaving, but I've stuck to it.

I also received an object lesson about smoking in bed. One night my wife came home from a meeting, walked into the bedroom and was confronted by a pillar of smoke. I have never smoked in bed since, except when I was reading.

I've pretty well conquered the drink, too. I used to take a drink at the drop of a hat. Then hats went out of fashion among men, for a few years, so I took a drink just to prove that I didn't have a single-track mind. Hats are back now, but it doesn't bother me. When I take a vow, I stick to it. And a few years ago, I swore a solemn oath that I'd never take another drink unless we had company, or were alone.

I've given up playing around, too. This occurred last New Year's Eve when my wife caught a lady kissing me with gay abandon. She didn't mind an Auld Lang Syne buss so much. It was the gay abandon that got her. She claimed it was mutual.

I haven't kicked a dog in years. Except Playboy, our spaniel, when he helped me out with the garbage the other day. I haven't shouted at a child since I don't know when, except when Kim arrived home Thursday afternoon with a baby squirrel that had fallen out of a tree, and wanted to adopt it.

Well, then, the morals are on the upswing. As for success in life, I think things are going well there, too. When I was married, I didn't have a thing. Now I have three mortgages. My name is a Household word. What more could one ask of success?

With regard to my likes and dislikes, that's easy. I like swamps. Today, I was out in a swamp, and I saw a rabbit, three partridge, a deer and a wild duck, all within easy range. I had a fishing rod. That's why I like swamps.

I like teen-agers. From July 1st to September 4th, I find them the most fascinating, lively, effervescent, intriguing group I ever had nothing to do with.

I like eggs (scrambled) and legs (chicken). I like May and September. I like individuals as long as they are being individual with somebody else. I enjoy crowds, when they are somewhere else.

I don't like: humorless people; those who try to impose their morals on others; dirty jokes that aren't funny; waking up in the morning; going to bed at night; phonies; work; cats. I also don't like people with more money than I, people who are smarter than I, people who are better-looking than I. In fact, I don't like many people.

Now for the odds and ends of my birthday analysis. If everyone followed my rules, few would live past 30. And it would serve them right.

You are old, Father William. Oh, izzat so?
How come, then, my daughter would rather play catch with me than anyone?

How come, my son says, "Dad, when are you gonna grow up?"

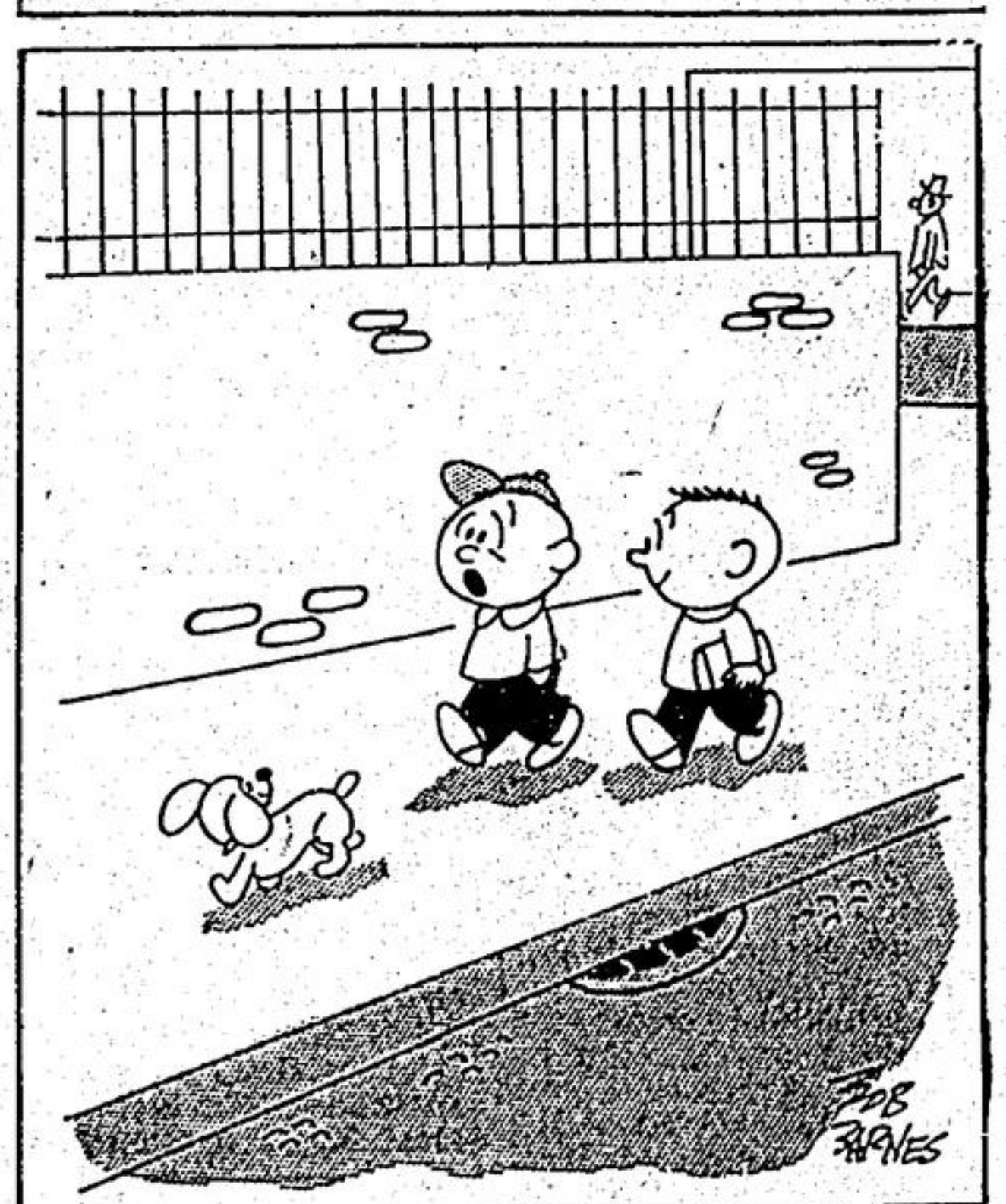
How come my wife says, "Stop acting like a child."
Well, all I can say, in the face of all that evidence, is: "Happy Birthday to you!" And I do mean me.

Prologue to Love, Taylor Caldwell; Dimock; The Mature Wind, Overstreet; The Growing Question, Roscoe Fillmore; The Living Sea, Capt. Coatsworth; Emotional Maturity, Saul; Am I Too Loud? Gerald Moore; Joan Sultherland, Braddon; Lawrence of Arabia, Alistair MacLean; The Coming Explosion in Latin America, Clark; The Complete Detective, Rupert Hughes; Sicily, Pond; Complete Book of Collecting Hobbies, Bricker; Teach Yourself Swimming, Waterman.

Non-Fiction
The Insolent Chariots, Keats; Make a Joyful Sound, Walte; Hi, There, Gregory Clarke; That Summer in Paris, Morley Callaghan; A Bridge for Passing, Pearl Buck; The War and Colonel Warden, Pawle; The Quiet Canadian, Hyde; The Microbe Hunters, Paul DeKruif; The Legend of John Hornby, Whalley; At the Hemingways, Sanford; The Child in Hospital,

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Laugh Of The Week



"With automation taking over, and 75% of the wealth being controlled by women, I'm beginning to think the only SAFE career is to be a sigma."

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